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ABSTRACT

This KIDS COUNT report examines statewide trends in the well-being of Missouri's children. The statistical portrait is organized by county and is based on 11 outcome measures of children's well-being: (1) students enrolled in free/reduced lunch programs; (2) births to mothers without high school diplomas; (3) low birthweight infants; (4) infant mortality; (5) deaths of children age 1-14; (6) suspect child abuse; (7) out-of-home placement; (8) high school completion rate; (9) births to single teens; (10) juvenile law violations; and (11) violent deaths. Improved findings were seen in the areas of infant mortality rate, percent of births to single teens, and the percent of births to poorly educated mothers. Indicators which showed little progress or a slight deterioration included high school completion rate, percent of low birthweight infants, and the rate of law violation referrals to juvenile courts. Deterioration was indicated in percent of low-income children enrolled in free or reduced lunch programs, statewide child poverty, child abuse and neglect, out-of-home placement rates, and teen violent death rate. Homicide was the leading cause of death for 15- to 19-year-old males. Minority children were found to face risks two to three times those of Caucasian children for every available measure. (SD)

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Letter from Partners

Dear Missourians—

This second annual KIDS COUNT in Missouri Report is a challenge to every Missouri citizen. It calls each of us to take action as an individual, as a community, and as a State.

In the 1993 Report, we asked Missourians to join with us to make the 1990s the decade to improve the well-being of children. We are optimistic . . .we still believe this can be done. But time is running out. Almost half of the decade has passed, and an increasing number of children live in poverty. An increasing number of teens die violently, and children are increasingly unsafe in their homes and in their communities.

The KCM Partners again ask you to renew your commitment to Making KIDS COUNT in Missouri. We ask you to appreciate that *__your__* *efforts count. Believe that you can be, and are, a powerful force for change.*

Use the information in this report to educate. Talk to your legislators. Work for cooperation in your county and in your community. Ensure that families have the physical, psychological and social resources to parent their children well. Build communities in which children and youth are cherished and respected. Ensure that all young people can envision a productive future.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. advised that "The time is always right to do right." Let each of us do the right thing for Missouri's children.

Sincerely,

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KIDS COUNT in Missouri

KIDS COUNT in Missouri (KCM) is a four-year collaborative effort of Citizens for Missouri's Children and more than 40 public and private organizations. CMC's major partners are the Children's Services Commission, the Greater Kansas City Partnership for Children, and the University of Missouri's Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis.

KCM's mission is to improve the well-being of Missouri's children by increasing the visibility of the condition of children in their own communities and by promoting more effective responses to the needs of today's children and their families.

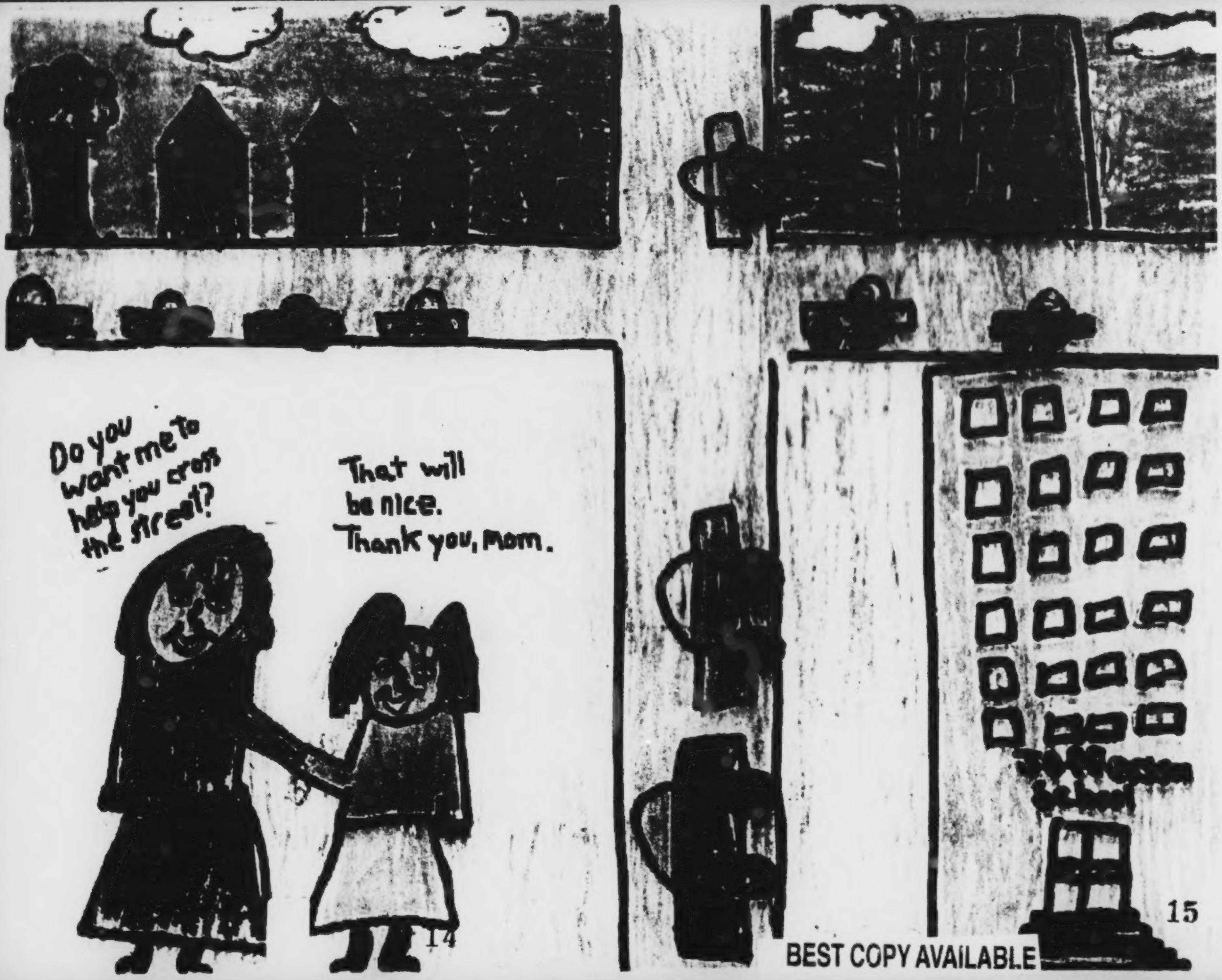
KCM believes that substantial improvements can be made for children when

- Citizens are alerted to the depth and breadth of the problems;
- A long-term commitment is made by the public, private and voluntary sectors;
- Communities invest in their children;
- Citizens hold government accountable for delivering effective services.

KIDS COUNT in Missouri consists of

- The KIDS COUNT in Missouri Yearly Report, a report documenting the status of children in every Missouri county;
- **KIDS COUNT Counties**, a statewide network of advocates who work to improve services and outcomes for children, with an emphasis on local change;
- **Public Awareness**, a comprehensive communication campaign to spark public interest in children's issues;
- **Advocacy** to change state policies and laws to effect concrete improvement in the lives of children;
- **Special Reports** addressing adolescent pregnancy, youth violence and other topics.

Supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, America's largest philanthropic source for disadvantaged children, KCM is joining with the other 49 states to shape a new direction for America's children.


Do you want me to help you cross the street?
That will be nice. Thank you, Mom.
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Executive Summary

The second annual KIDS COUNT in Missouri report continues to examine the well-being of our 1.3 million children. While there has been improvement in some measures between 1990 and 1993, much of it has been slight, and in too many areas conditions for children continue to deteriorate.

First, the good news for children:

- The infant mortality rate is steadily declining.
- The percent of births that are to single teens decreased.
- The percent of births to poorly educated mothers decreased slightly.

There has been no progress or slight deterioration in other areas:

- The high school completion rate remained stable. One-quarter of Missouri youth will not graduate from high school.
- The percent of low birthweight infants increased slightly.
- The rate of law violation referrals to juvenile courts increased.

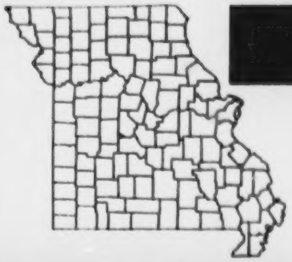
Finally, the truly disheartening findings:

- The percent of low-income children enrolled in free or reduced lunch programs increased by 11%.
- While statewide poverty census data are not available, national poverty estimates for 1993 showed a child poverty rate of 23%. Children remain the age group at greatest risk for poverty.
- Both the substantiated instances of child abuse or neglect, and the out-of-home placement entry rates increased by more than 15%.
- The teen violent death rate increased by 11%.
- Homicide is the leading cause of death for 15 to 19 year old males.

The KIDS COUNT in Missouri 1994 report presents, for the first time, minority data for many of the 11 outcome measures. Minority children face risks two to three times those of Caucasian children for every available measure. With the exception of low birthweight infants and percent of births to single teens, the minority trends are worse than Caucasian. Many minority families and children are vulnerable to poor health, safety and education because of their economic situations. In 1990, four in ten African-American children were poor.

We must work harder to improve the lives of our children, especially minorities. While recent laws passed in the 1994 legislative session provided some measure of hope (see "Progress Toward the Vision," p. 21), there has not been the public outcry that should have arisen from examining the disturbing facts about children's lives in Missouri. As we look toward the last years of the 20th century, how will our next generations respond to the challenges of the future if they are growing up poor, unhealthy, and inadequately educated, without guarantees of safety from community or family violence?

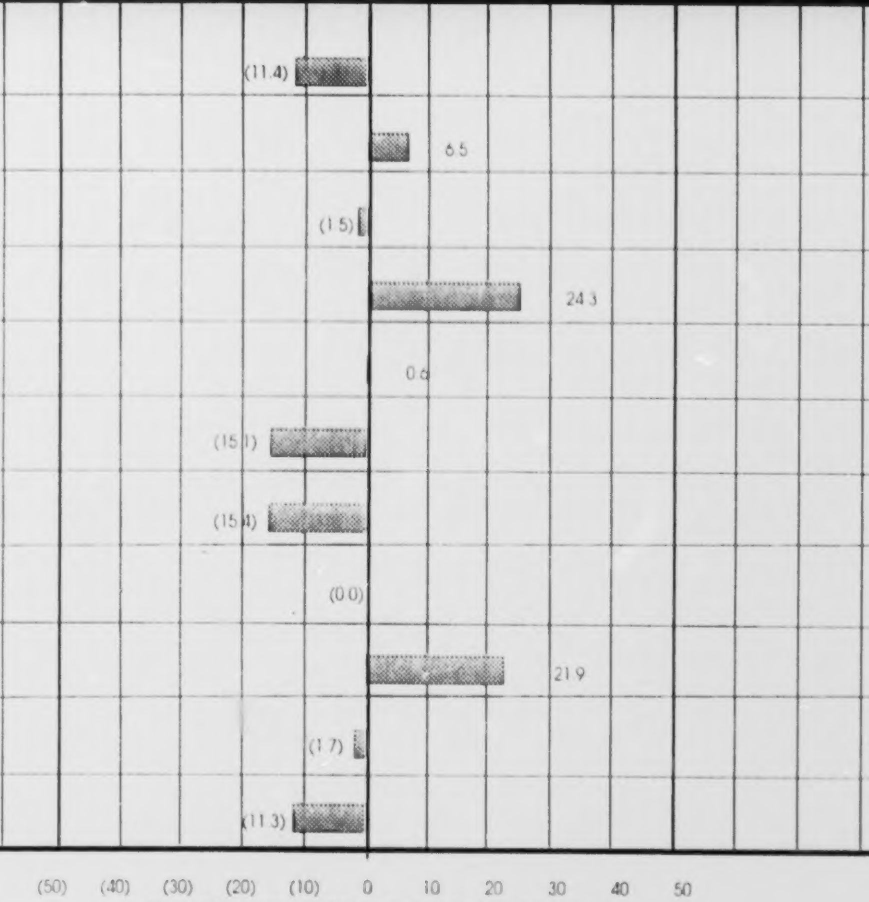
Citizens for Missouri's Children, the KIDS COUNT in Missouri partners and KCM Advisory Committee members continue their campaign to help children, but the success of our efforts depends on citizen participation. We hope this report makes you angry, and that reading it will inspire you to vote for politicians who support children and families, to volunteer for a mentoring program, or simply to spend more time tonight with your own children. The price we all pay for continued inaction will be thousands of lost lives and immeasurable loss of human potential.



Missouri Profile

Trend Data

▨ Percent change in state



Outcome Measures	WORSE	BETTER	Base Rate	Curr Rate
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	(11.4)		29.9	33.3
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*		6.5	21.6	20.2
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	(1.5)		6.8	6.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]		24.3	10.3	7.8
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]		0.6	33.7	33.5
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	(15.1)		11.9	13.7
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	(15.4)		3.9	4.5
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	(0.0)		76.9	76.9
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*		21.9	13.7	10.7
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	(1.7)		52.6	53.5
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	(11.3)		72.3	80.5

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

Rates and ranks on less than 20 events are unstable and should be interpreted with caution. See Data Appendix for raw data.

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	1,314,826	1,363,269	3.7
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	25.7	25.8	0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	15.6	14.7	-5.8
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	14.6	17.4	19.2
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	15.5	19.5	25.8
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$29,112	$30,024	3.1
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	1,448,643	1,500,010	3.5
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	5.7	6.4	12.3
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	43.8	40.8	-6.8
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	50.5	64.5	27.7
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	64.4	77.3	20.0
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	30.2	36.3	20.2
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	32.0	38.4	20.0
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	10.5	12.7	21.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	24.5	28.9	18.0

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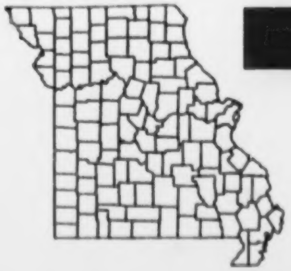

Missouri Minority Profile

	Trend Data: Minority					Trend Data: Caucasian			
Indicator	Year	Base	Current	%Change	Trend	Base	Current	%Change	Trend
Percent birth mothers h.s. degree	1990/1993	32.8	32.0	-2.4	Better	19.0	17.4	-8.4	Better
Percent low birth weight infants	1986/1991ª	12.8	12.8	0.0	No Change	5.8	6.3	8.6	Worse
Infant mortality rate live births	1986/1991ª	17.2	16.2	-5.8	Better	9.0	7.6	-15.6	Better
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children	1986/1991ª	49.6	53.4	7.7	Worse	31.1	28.4	-8.7	Better
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children	1990/1993	24.4	30.5	25.0	Worse	10.6	9.6	-9.4	Better
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children	1990/1993	9.5	11.5	21.1	Worse	3.1	3.2	3.2	Worse
Percent of all births to single teens	1990/1993	24.4	23.5	-3.7	Better	6.9	7.8	13.0	Worse
Juvenile law violation per 1,000 children (10-17)	1990/1993	103.2	114.4	10.9	Worse	43.3	42.7	-1.4	Better
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19)	1986/1991ª	67.5	162.8	141.2	Worse	73.6	76.7	4.2	Worse

ª Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

Trend Data were not available for Students enrolled in free/reduced lunch and High school completion rate.

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Overview of Findings

Percent of Students Enrolled in Free or Reduced Price School Lunch Program

This new measure is used in the *KIDS COUNT in Missouri 1994 Report* as a proxy for the percent of children in poverty, a census measure which is only available every ten years. The county rankings for this measure closely parallel the rankings for the percent of children in poverty in 1990.

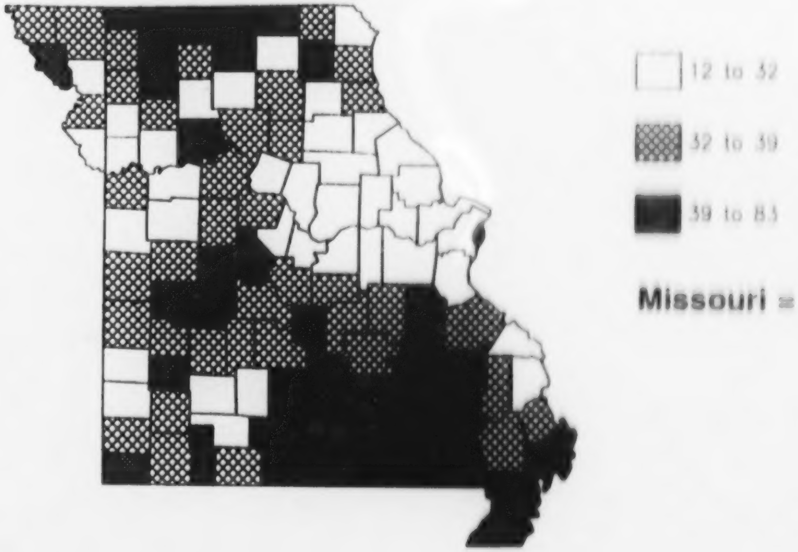
Statewide, one-third, or almost 280,000, of Missouri students participated in the free/reduced lunch program in 1993. **Enrollment increased by 16% between 1990 and 1993.**

Eligibility for the free or reduced price school lunch program is based on family income. Children in families at or below 130% of poverty qualify for free lunches; those between 130% and 185% qualify for reduced price lunches. Families must apply in order to qualify; therefore, this measure may underestimate the number of low-income children.

While the growing number of children receiving the lunches indicates that poverty is increasing, it also may mean that students are receiving the nutrition they need to concentrate on their education. Studies have indicated that low-income children depend on these lunches for one-third to one-half of their daily nutritional intake.

Percent of Children Enrolled in Free/Reduced Lunch

1993



Missouri = 33.3%

More than half of students in St. Louis City, Pemiscot, Shannon, Wayne and Ripley Counties were enrolled. The counties with the lowest participation rates were the suburban counties surrounding St. Louis (St. Charles and Jefferson) and Kansas City (Platte, Clay, and Cass).

Another indicator of child poverty, the percent of children who receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) benefits increased from 10.5% in 1990 to 12.7% in 1993. Over 171,000 children received this form of public assistance.

Percent of Births to Mothers without High School Degree

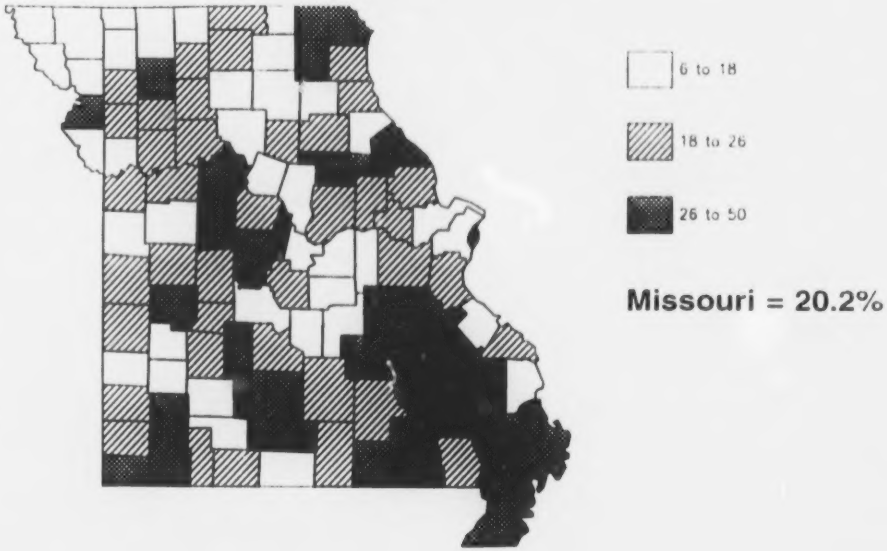
This measure is a general risk indicator for children. It is a strong predictor of child well-being, especially future academic success and low birthweight.

In Missouri, there were more than 15,000 births to mothers with less than 12 years of education in 1993. **The percent of these births decreased slightly from 21.6% in 1990 to 20.2% in 1993.** More than four in ten births were to poorly educated mothers in Pemiscot, Morgan, Dunklin, Reynolds and Daviess Counties. The counties with the lowest rates for this measure were Mercer, Shelby, Nodaway, Osage and Atchison.

Almost one-third of minority births in Missouri were to poorly educated mothers, compared to 17% of Caucasian births.

Percent of Births to Mothers Without High School Degree

1993



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Percent Low Birth Weight Infants

Infants who are born weighing less than 5.5 pounds (2500 grams) are considered low birthweight. They are more likely to die during their first year, and 40 times more likely to die within the first four weeks, than normal birthweight infants. Throughout their lives, they are more likely to have disabilities and health problems, such as mental retardation, developmental delays, visual and hearing defects, chronic respiratory illness, autism and learning difficulty.

The low birthweight rate increased slightly between 1986 and 1991*. The current rate is 6.9%, representing more than 5,200 low birthweight births.

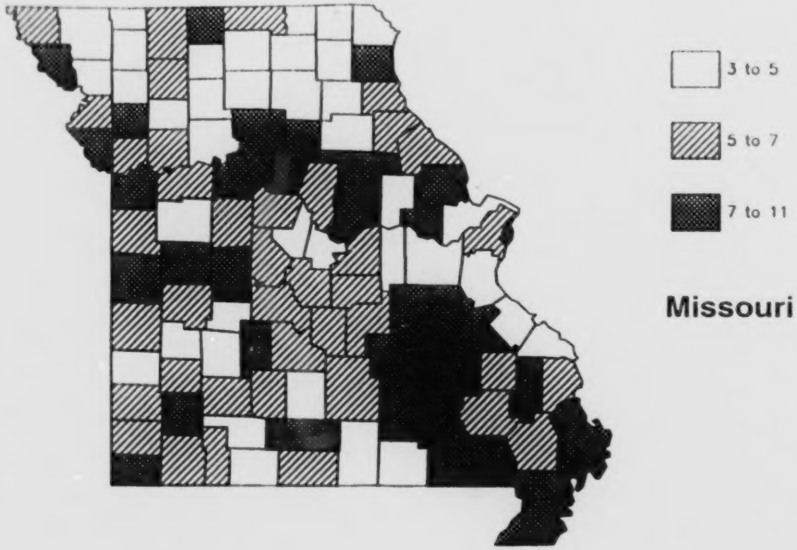
Women who do not receive adequate prenatal care are three times more likely to give birth to low birthweight infants than those who do. More than 15% of Missouri women did not receive adequate prenatal care in 1993.

The counties with the worst low birthweight rates were Pemiscot, St. Louis City, Mississippi, Shannon and Bates. Worth, Scotland, Oregon, Shelby and Polk had the lowest rates. The minority low birthweight rate (12.8%) was twice that of Caucasian births (6.3%). However, the minority rate was unchanged between 1990 and 1993, while the Caucasian rate increased by almost nine percent.

**1986 figure is an average of 1984 through 1988 data; 1991 figure is an average of 1989 through 1993 data.*

Percent Low Birth Weight Infants

1989-93



Missouri = 6.9%

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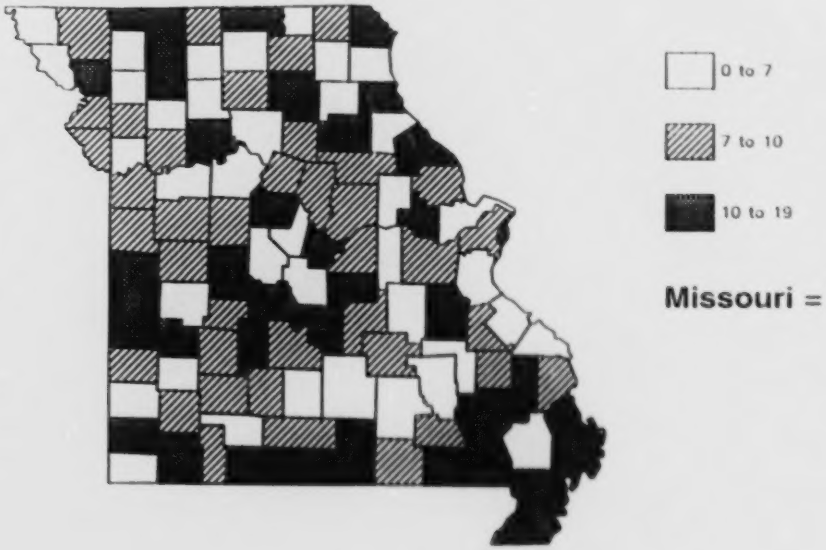
Infant Mortality Rate

The infant mortality rate is a measure of deaths occurring to infants less than one year of age per 1,000 live births. It reflects the health of the mother and the infant, as well as the child's environment. High infant mortality rates may indicate inadequate food, sanitation, poor access to pre- and postnatal health care, unsafe housing or inadequate supervision.

The infant mortality rate in Missouri has shown steady downward progress over the past decade, decreasing from 10.3 in 1986 to 7.8 in 1991*. Approximately 700 infants each year died before their first birthdays. The infant mortality rate for minorities (16.2) was more than twice that of Caucasian infants (7.6). The counties with the highest rates were Putnam, Cedar, Clark, Daviess and Andrew. Low rates were found in Knox, Ralls, Shelby, Schuyler and Moniteau. Rates and ranks should be interpreted with caution because of the small number of deaths in many rural counties.

Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births

1989-93



Missouri = 7.8

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Child Death Rate

The child death rate is a measure of deaths occurring to children ages one through 14 per 100,000 children. **The child death rate in Missouri was relatively unchanged between 1986 and 1991*, at 33.5 per 100,000 children.** There were approximately 340 deaths in 1991.

More than four in ten (43%) child deaths in 1993 were accidental. Many are preventable and reflect safety issues such as seat belt use, fire safety, and helmet use. Child deaths due to illness may also be a reflection of inadequate health care. In Missouri only 52% of two-year olds were properly immunized in 1993. While the rate of immunization has shown progress since 1990, it remains unacceptably low.

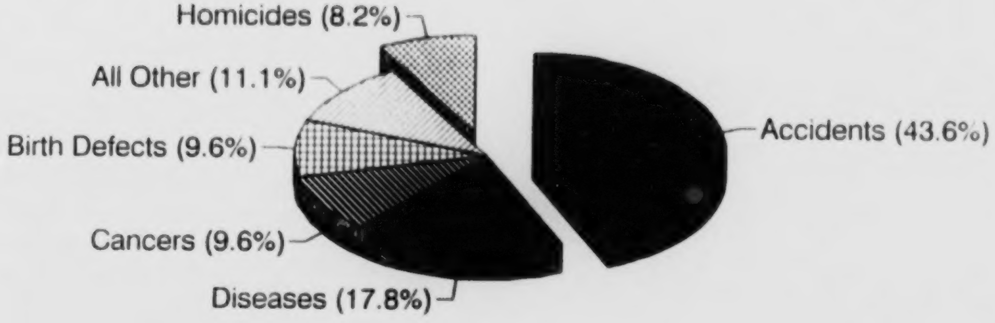
The minority child death rate increased by almost eight percent, while the Caucasian rate decreased by almost nine percent. County rates and rankings are unstable due to the small number of deaths in most counties.

Since 1992, Missouri's Child Fatality Review Program has examined the deaths of all children, and closely reviewed those with an unclear or suspicious cause. The leading causes of injury death for children under 15 years old, according to the Review Program's 1994 report, were motor vehicle accidents (31%), fire/burn (20%), homicide (18%) and drowning (11%).

The child abuse and neglect fatalities confirmed by Division of Family Services and the Child Fatality Review Teams decreased from 48 in 1992 to 44 in 1993. Overall, one in three child abuse victims was younger than five years old; however, nine in ten child abuse fatalities were young children.

Causes of Child Deaths - Ages 1-14

1993



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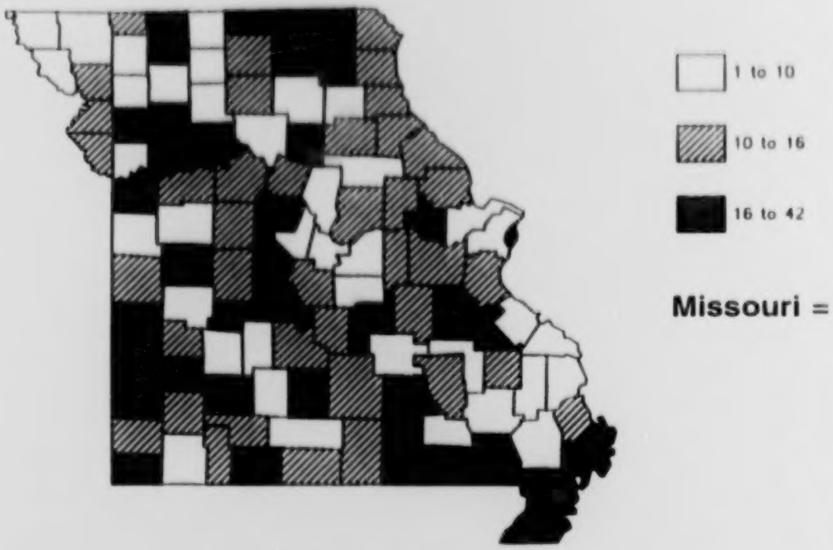
Reason to Suspect Child Abuse Rate

This rate measures the number of children from reports classified as "reason to suspect child abuse" by the Department of Social Services per 1,000 children. **The reason to suspect rate in Missouri increased by 15.1% between 1990 and 1993.** The current rate was 13.7 per 1,000. There were more than 18,000 victims in Missouri and more than 52,000 reported incidents. More than half of the reason to suspect victims in 1993 were victims of neglect.

The highest rates occurred in Knox, Pemiscot, St. Louis City, Dunklin and Taney. The lowest rates were found in Atchison, Moniteau, DeKalb, St. Louis County and Osage. The minority rate increased by 25% between 1990 and 1993, and was three times higher than the Caucasian rate (30.5 vs 9.6).

Child Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children Under 18

1993



Missouri = 13.7

The reason to suspect rate in Missouri increased by 15.1% between 1990 and 1993.

Out-of-Home Placement Entry Rate

If children who are abuse victims cannot remain safely in their homes, they may be placed in foster homes, adoptive homes, group homes, residential care or relatives' homes. Placements also occur because of homelessness or poor housing conditions. **The entry rate into out-of-home placement in Missouri increased by 15.4% between 1990 and 1993.** Almost 6,000 children were removed from their families, at a rate of 4.5 per 1,000. Currently the average length of stay in Division of Family Services out-of-home placement is 27 months. Four in ten children in placement had been there for more than two years in July 1994, and the average age was 9.3 years.

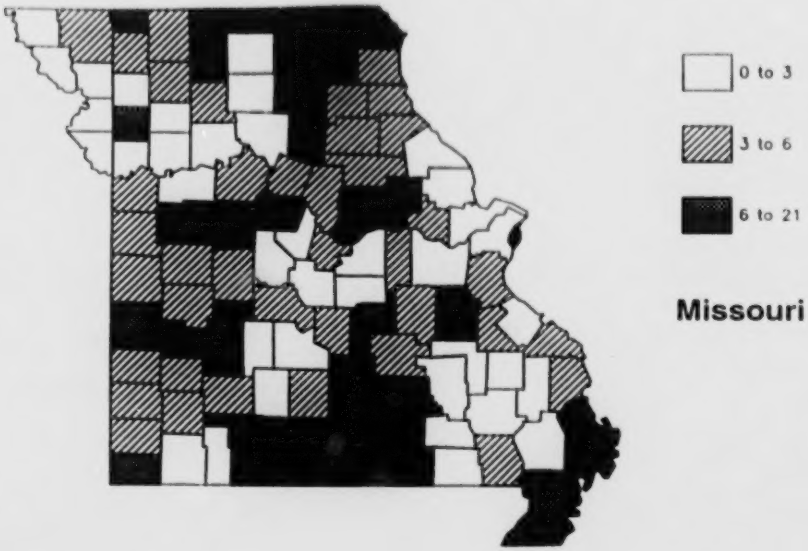
The counties with the highest entry rates were Scotland, Oregon, McDonald, Shannon and Montgomery. Caldwell, Holt, Moniteau, Platte and Ste. Genevieve had extremely low rates of out-of-home placement. The minority rate of placement (11.5) was more than three times the Caucasian rate (3.2).

Increases in this measure may not necessarily signify a negative trend. In some instances, children may remain safely in their homes with intensive services. However, for other children, being removed from a dangerous situation is the best possible outcome.

Both reason to suspect abuse and out-of-home entry rates have shown dramatic increases since 1988, the base year for the first KIDS COUNT in Missouri Report.

Out-of-Home Placement Entries per 1,000 Children Under 18

1993



Missouri = 4.5

The entry rate into out-of-home placement in Missouri increased by 15.4% between 1990 and 1993.

High School Completion Rate

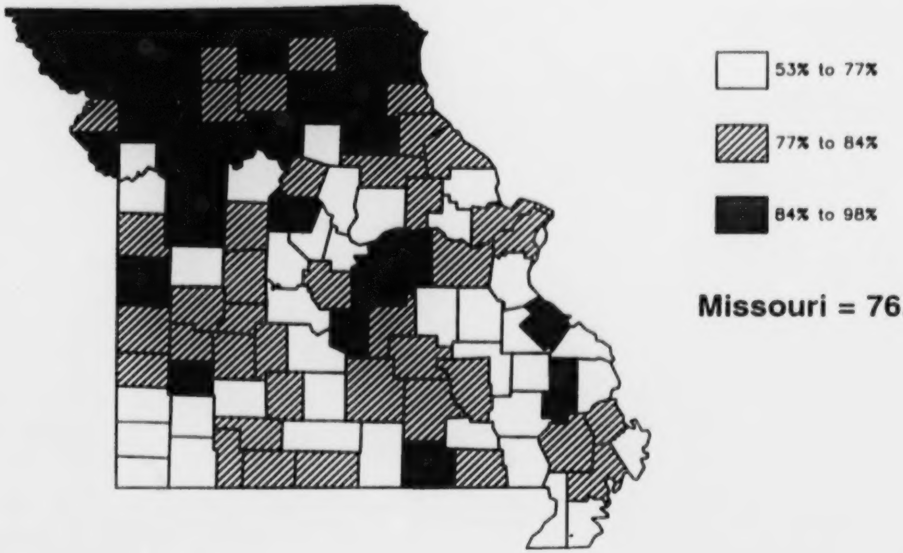
Completing high school is an important indicator for a child's future economic success, and employment potential. Missouri utilizes an estimated completion rate instead of the more traditional high school graduation rate. The completion rate is an estimate of ninth graders who will graduate from high school in four years.

The high school completion rate remained stable at 76.9% between the 1990-91 and 1992-93 school years. The counties with the highest rates were primarily northern. Knox, Nodaway, Holt, Atchison, Chariton and DeKalb all had rates higher than 95%. The counties with low rates of completion were urban and southern: St. Louis City, Howell, Mississippi, Jasper and Wright. In those counties, it is predicted that more than one-third of students will not complete high school.

Detailed minority data indicate that, for the 1992-93 school year, the highest estimated completion rate was for Asian students (82.8%), followed by Caucasian students (78.8%), Hispanic students, (72.3%) and African-American students (64.4%).

High School Completion Rate

1993



Missouri = 76.9%

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Percent of Births to Single Teens

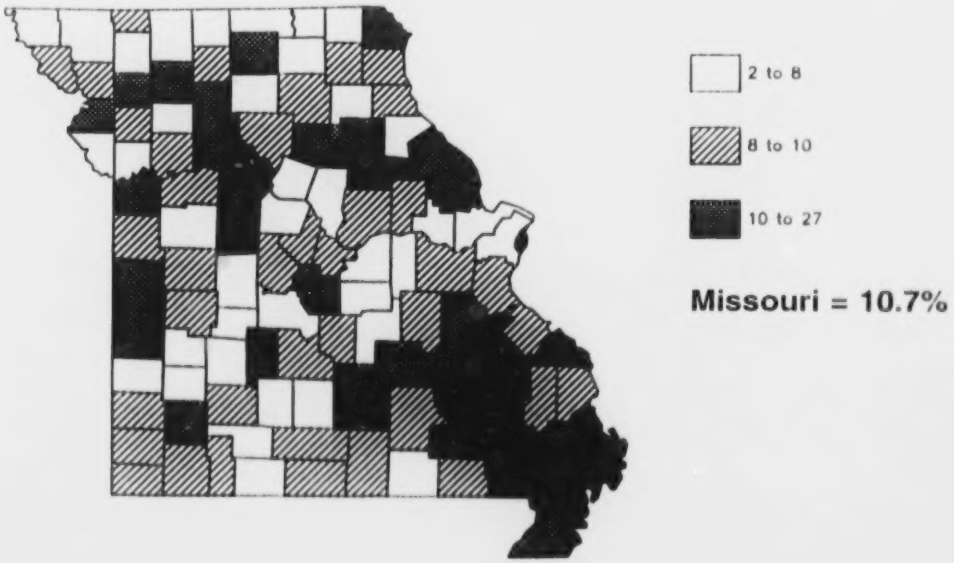
This measure reflects the proportion of all births that are to single teens, but is *not* synonymous with the teen birth rate. It is affected by the total number of births, the marital trends among teens, *and* the teen birth rate. It provides a measure of risk for the generation of children born in the 1990s by examining the proportion of them that will begin their lives at risk for poverty, academic failure and early sexual activity.

The percent of births to single teens in Missouri decreased from 13.7% in 1990 to 10.7% in 1993. There were more than 8,000 births to single teens in 1993. The counties with the highest rates were largely in the southeast and east central regions, including Pemiscot, St. Louis City, Mississippi, Dunklin and Washington. Less than one in 20 births were to single teens in Osage, Webster, Schuyler, Barton, and Gentry.

Almost one-quarter of minority births were to single teens, compared to one-eighth of Caucasian births. However, the percent of births to Caucasian single teens increased by 13% between 1990 and 1993, while the percent of births to minority single teens decreased by four percent.

Percent of Births to Single Teens

1993



There were more than 8,000 births to single teens in 1993.

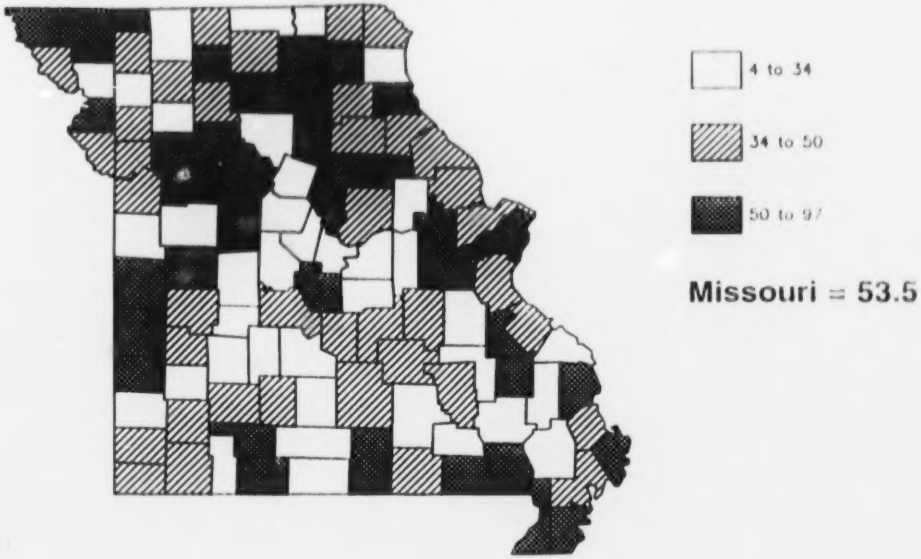
Juvenile Court Law Violation Referral Rate

This new KIDS COUNT measure indicates the number of referrals per 1,000 youth, ages 10 through 17, to one of the state's 45 juvenile courts for breaking Missouri's criminal code. **The rate of referrals has increased sightly between 1990 and 1993. The current rate was 53.5 per 1,000.** There were more than 32,000 referrals in 1993. Law violation referrals account for approximately 60% of all referrals; the remainder are status offenses and abuse/neglect/custody cases. The most common law violation allegations in 1993 were stealing (22%), assault (17%), municipal/curfew (13%), and property damage (13%).

The counties with the highest referral rates were Mississippi, Marion, St. Louis City, Boone and Dunklin. The lowest rates occurred in Gasconade, Osage, Hickory, Cooper and Maries. The referral rate for minority youth was 114.4, an increase of ten percent in the past three years. The referral rate for Caucasian youth was 42.7, a decrease of one percent during the same period.

Juvenile Law Referrals per 100,000 Ages 10-17

1993



The rate of referrals has increased sightly between 1990 and 1993. The 1993 rate was 53.5 per 1,000.

Teen Violent Death Rate

The teen violent death rate consists of homicides, suicides and accidents. **The death rate increased 11% between 1986 and 1991***. There were approximately 290 teen violent deaths in 1991, at a rate of 80.5 per 100,000 teens. For all teens, motor vehicle accidents were the leading violent cause of death in 1993. However, for males between 15 and 19, homicide was the number one cause of fatalities.

The minority teen violent death rate was twice the Caucasian rate (162.8 vs. 76.7), and increased by 141%. The Caucasian rate increased by four percent.

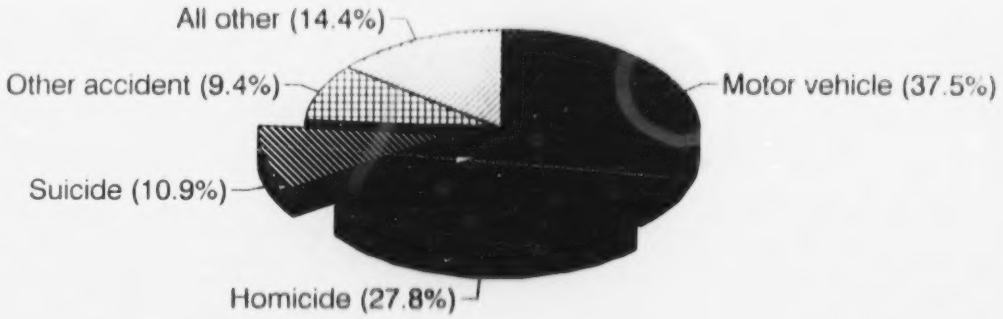
An examination of the three components of this measure shows that the teen homicide rate more than doubled (111% increase) between 1990 and 1993. The motor vehicle accident rate decreased by 6%, and the teen suicide rate increased by 4%.

There were six counties with no deaths and only ten counties with more than five deaths, making county comparisons and ranks unstable.

**1986 figure is an average of 1984 through 1988 data; 1991 figure is an average of 1989 through 1993 data.*

Causes of Death - Ages 15-19

1993



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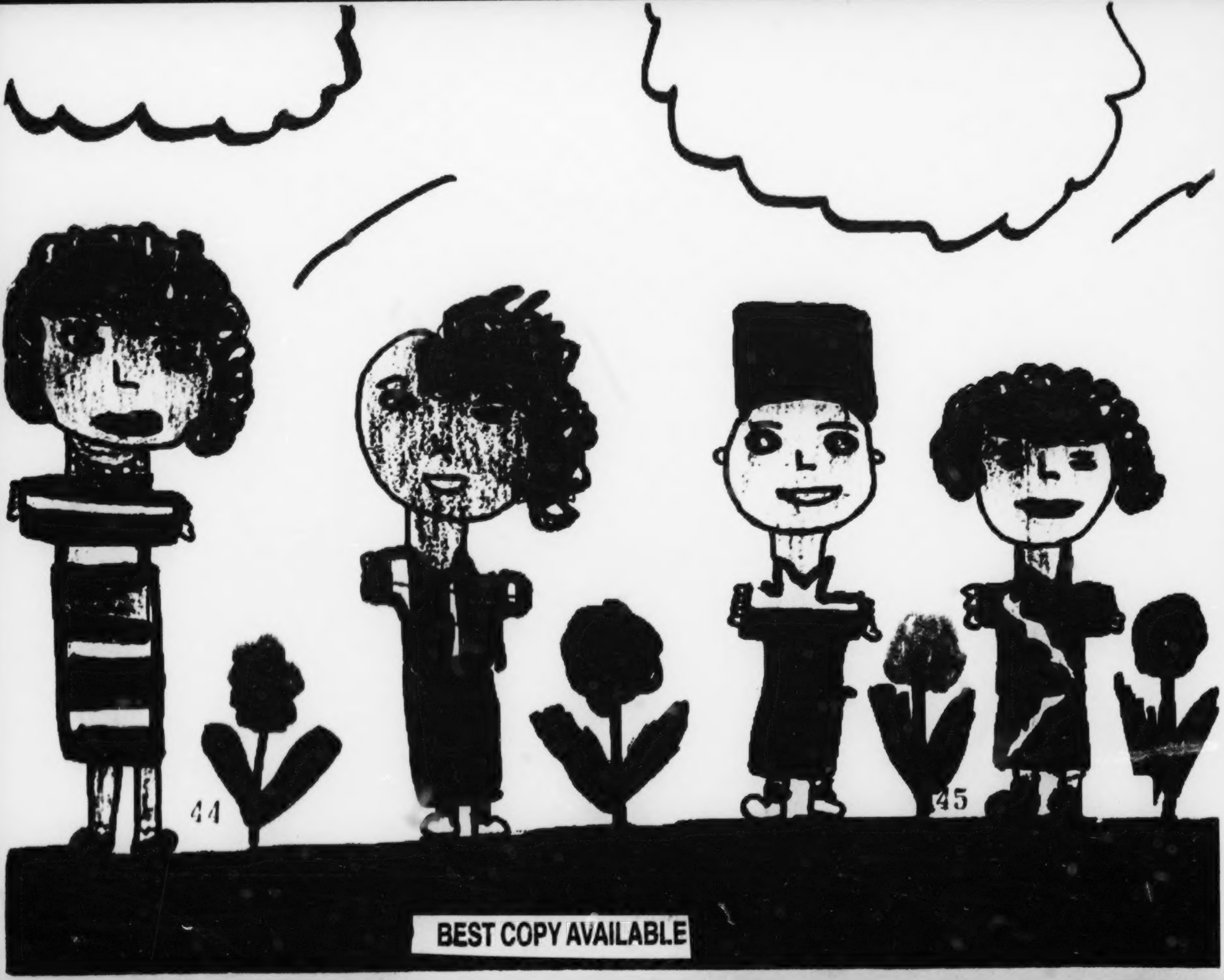

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Vision for Children

KIDS COUNT in Missouri envisions a future for Missouri's children in which families, schools and communities work together to raise children who are physically, intellectually, socially and emotionally healthy. Then, Missouri's children will enter adulthood prepared to care about others, be successful parents, and contribute to society to the fullest extent of their unique potential. In the KIDS COUNT vision for the future:

- Every child will be healthy through access to quality medical care, including prenatal care and adequate nutrition;
- Every child will be raised in a nurturing family which has adequate resources, income and support services;
- Every child will begin school ready to learn;
- Every family in crisis will receive supportive, integrated assistance;
- Every child with special needs will receive individualized services;
- Every child will receive a quality education, and will graduate possessing the self-esteem, knowledge and skills necessary to support and nurture their own families;
- Every child will live in a safe and supportive neighborhood free of poverty, violence and discrimination.

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Recommendations: Progress Toward the Vision

The KIDS COUNT in Missouri 1993 Report contained a series of recommendations for transforming the vision for children into action (See Appendix 3). The implementation of many of these recommendations will require years of effort by citizens, advocates and policymakers. Together, we are making a difference. In the past year, KIDS COUNT in Missouri has seen some progress in the legislative and policy arenas, as well as some unfortunate steps backward.

Overall Service Delivery

- The development of coordinated, integrated education and human service delivery systems received a boost through the receipt of federal funds for Family Preservation and Support programs. Missouri is currently working on a plan to distribute the dollars.

- The Family Investment Trust, a partnership between state government and the private sector, began operation in 1994. The Trust provides technical assistance to help build more responsive human, educational and economic systems. It will also help create more flexible public and private funding, develop leadership, and make sure that successful innovations are widely publicized.

Economic/Family Well-Being

- A welfare reform law that was a mixed bag of family-friendly and punitive proposals passed in the 1994 Missouri legislative session. The law establishes self-sufficiency pacts for certain AFDC recipients in order to enable families to move off AFDC in 24 to 48 months. The law increases the cash value of assets that may be owned. However, it also requires pregnant and parenting adolescents to live with a parent or guardian, which may force a teen to remain in an abusive situation.

- Housing Trust Fund legislation passed in Missouri, creating a state fund which aids local efforts to provide decent, affordable housing for low-income families.

- Funding for the Family Reunification Assistance and Crisis Intervention Fund Programs was expanded. These programs provide subsistence stipends to families for the necessities of housing, food, utilities, home furnishings, and transportation to medical and counseling appointments, with the goal of stabilizing families whose children have been placed in foster care.

Health

- The Comprehensive School Health Initiative is an outgrowth of 1993 Missouri legislation that expands access to health services for school children. The Initiative is working to develop holistic school-based or school-linked health and wellness programs statewide.

- The proposed Medicaid managed care system has positive and negative potential. This plan seeks to provide medical coverage for an increased number of low income Missourians while bringing skyrocketing costs under control. Advocates are working to ensure adequate services and access, as well as appropriate quality assurance controls.

Education

- The Carnahan Education Reform Plan faced serious challenges in late 1994 due to a statewide referendum that would amend the Missouri constitution and effectively repeal the tax increase that was enacted to fund the Plan.

- At the federal level, increased funding was approved for improving the quality of Head Start programs and increasing the number of children served.

- The Goals 2000: Educate America Act provided federal funds for educational programs, beginning at birth, that improve school readiness and involve parents in the education of their children.

- **The passage of Missouri legislation to pioneer reform in the Child Protective Services system was an important step that allows a more individualized response to family needs. In five pilot projects, families referred to Division of Family Services for child maltreatment will enter a dual-track system that will provide increased support for families where maltreatment** is occurring because of isolation or lack of resources and support. In life-threatening or felony abuse cases, DFS will investigate the family with an emphasis on collecting evidence to prove the abuse. The projects also require community collaborations which include DFS, and expand child abuse prevention and treatment services. The legislation included a housing subsidy provision for families who risk losing their children to foster care because they cannot afford housing.

- Bills which would have eliminated the use of corporal punishment in Missouri's schools failed to pass out of the Elementary and Secondary Education Committee. A statewide coalition to ban corporal punishment has been formed to bring greater attention to this issue.

- The implementation of 1993 legislation to require all child care centers to meet fire and safety regulations has been stalled by debate over the inclusion of child-staff ratios in the regulations. Funding for regulation enforcement, which was transferred from the Department of Social Services to Department of Health, has also been limited.

Adolescents

- The Youth Opportunities and Violence Prevention Act, which offered a constructive alternative to the more punitive juvenile crime bills, failed to pass the 1994 Missouri session. However, its message of prevention reached a wide audience, and laid the foundation for work in 1995.

- A juvenile crime bill which would have facilitated the certification of juvenile offenders as adults did not pass the Missouri legislature, in part because of a concealed weapons amendment that was added late in the session.

- The Missouri House of Representatives Interim Committee on Juvenile Justice is currently working with several advisory groups to develop legislation that will more appropriately address violence prevention, treatment of youthful offenders, and operation of the Juvenile Justice system.

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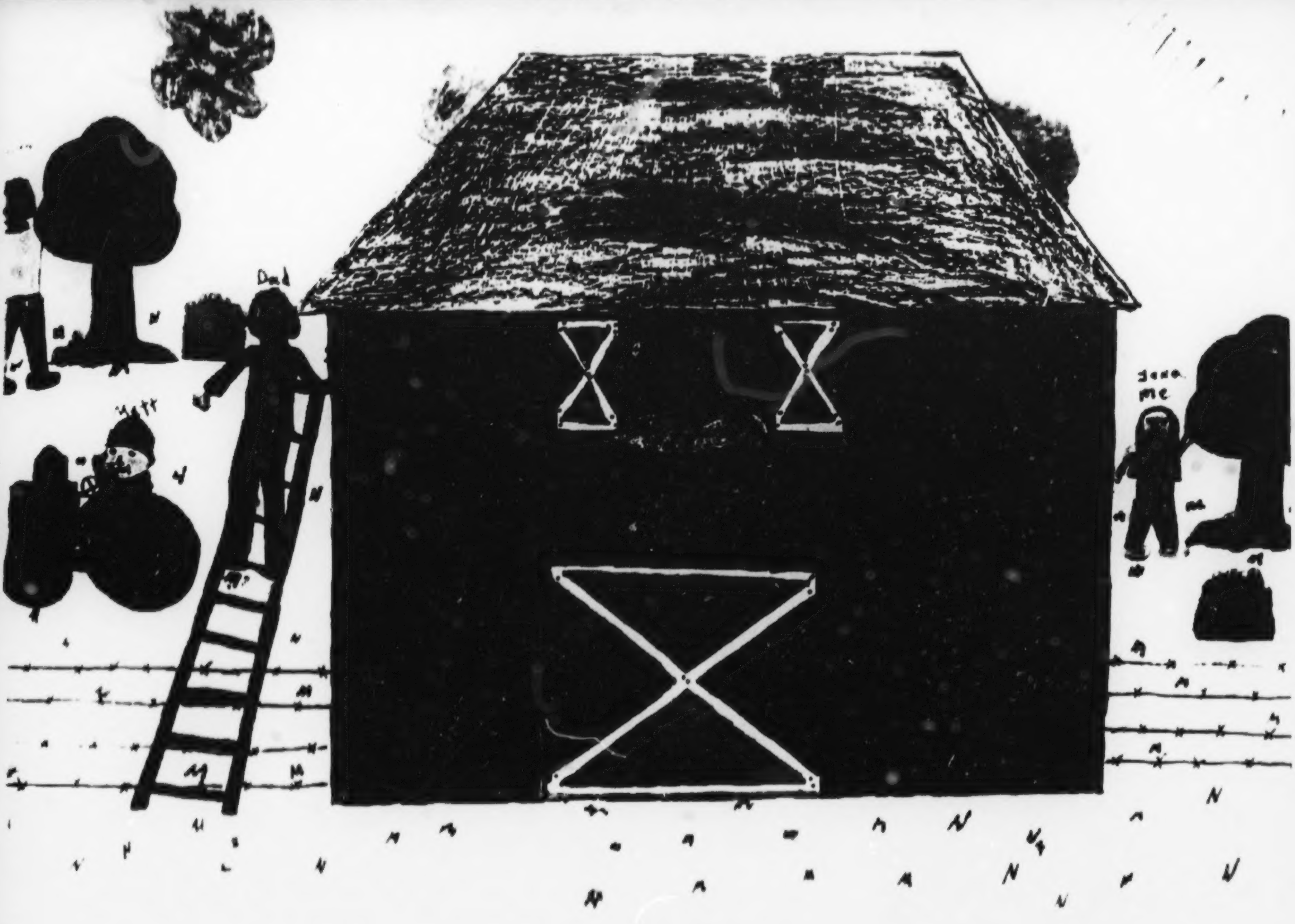
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How to Use the County Profiles

The 1994 KIDS COUNT in Missouri county profiles present trend data for 11 outcome measures that examine various dimensions of child well-being. In addition to the outcome measures, data are also presented for 15 key facts to provide demographic and program context. The majority of these measures were also used in the *KIDS COUNT in Missouri 1993 Report*, with the following exceptions:

- The percent of children in poverty and the percent of children in single parent families, which are only available every ten years through the census, are no longer outcome measures. However, because of their importance, they are repeated under the key facts for each county.
- The percent of children enrolled in free or reduced-price school lunch programs was added as an outcome measure that approximates the percent of children in poverty.
- Due to increased public interest in juvenile justice issues, the juvenile court referral rate was added as an outcome measure.

The most recent data available for this report were utilized. For four measures (percent low birthweight infants, infant mortality rate, death rates ages 1-14, and teen violent deaths), occurrences were rare in many counties. Therefore, five years of data were averaged to calculate a more stable rate. Base and current years are indicated next to each variable, and where data are based on an average, the years are footnoted.

Most outcome measures and key facts are expressed as percentages or rates. In many small, rural counties in Missouri, occurrences of births or deaths are rare, and the change in rates may fluctuate widely. A county may increase from one death to three, causing its rate to skyrocket. Caution should be used in interpreting these rates. It will be helpful to check Appendix 1 for the raw data when rate changes are large.

For outcome measures, base and current rates were calculated, with the percent change over time shown in the bar graphs. A county may be considered to be trending "worse" in some instances because a measure is increasing (such as the infant mortality rate), or in other cases, decreasing (such as high school completion rate). Where a county increased its rate from zero, it was mathematically impossible to calculate a change, and no trend is pictured. The county trends are represented by solid lines; the shaded lines indicate the state trends and are presented for comparison purposes.

In addition to trend data and comparisons to the state average, each county was ranked in sequential order from best (1) to worst (115). Whenever there was a tie of one or more counties, they were all assigned the same rank. Given the wide variety of demographics across the 115 Missouri counties, it may be helpful to compare counties that are similar with respect to size or region.

The composite county ranks were determined by summing each outcome measure's "standardized value" or "z-score." These z-scores reflect a county's relative position for each indicator on a consistent scale. Thus, the composite score is not biased by the different measurement units of any one indicator. Two indicators, teen violent death and child death rates, were not used in the composite county score calculations because there were so few occurrences that the rates were unstable.

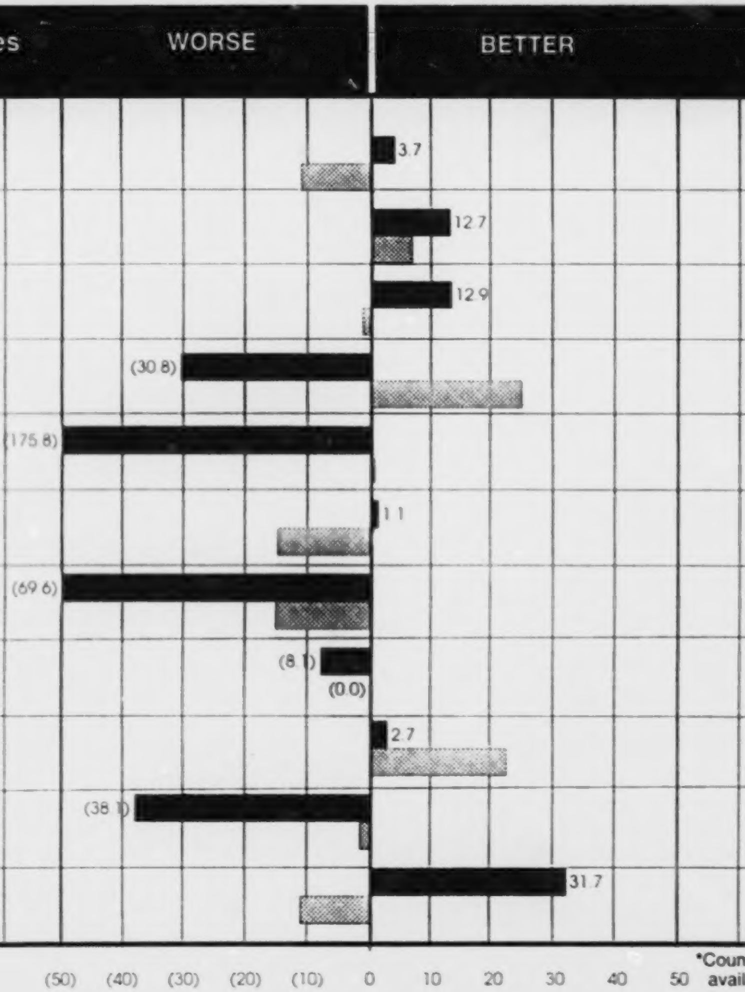
Please note that it is not advisable to compare county rankings from the *KIDS COUNT in Missouri 1993 Report* with the 1994 rankings. Several outcome measures used in 1993 were listed as key facts in the 1994 report and were not used to calculate this year's composite ranking. Also, the addition of a new outcome measure, the juvenile court referral rate, had a significant impact on the 1994 rankings.

Adair County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 62



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	26.8	25.8	33.3	16
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 1990/1993	15.0	13.1	20.2	18
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991[a]	6.2	5.4	6.9	31
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991[a]	7.8	10.2	7.8	75
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991[a]	15.3	42.2	33.5	82
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	17.8	17.6	13.7	85
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	6.9	11.7	4.5	105
High school completion rate 1991/1993	87.7	80.6	76.9	59
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	7.3	7.1	10.7	25
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	39.6	54.7	53.5	85
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991[a]	18.0	12.3	80.5	2

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

*County Rank is based on most recent available data, **1=best, 115=worst**.

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	**4,948**	**4,990**	**0.8**
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	20.1	20.2	0.5
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.6	1.3	-18.8
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	14.2	21.0	47.9
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	12.9	16.8	30.2
Median household income	1989 1993	$19,369	$19,200	-0.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	7,378	7,644	3.6
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	4.1	4.1	0.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	40.2	44.3	10.2
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	56.1	73.3	30.7
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	73.6	80.2	9.0
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	25.8	25.9	0.4
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	44.7	52.6	17.7
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	8.5	7.1	-16.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	23.5	23.3	-0.9

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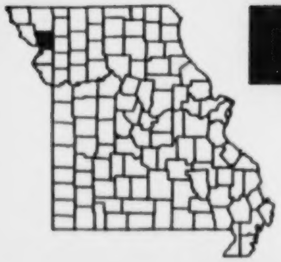
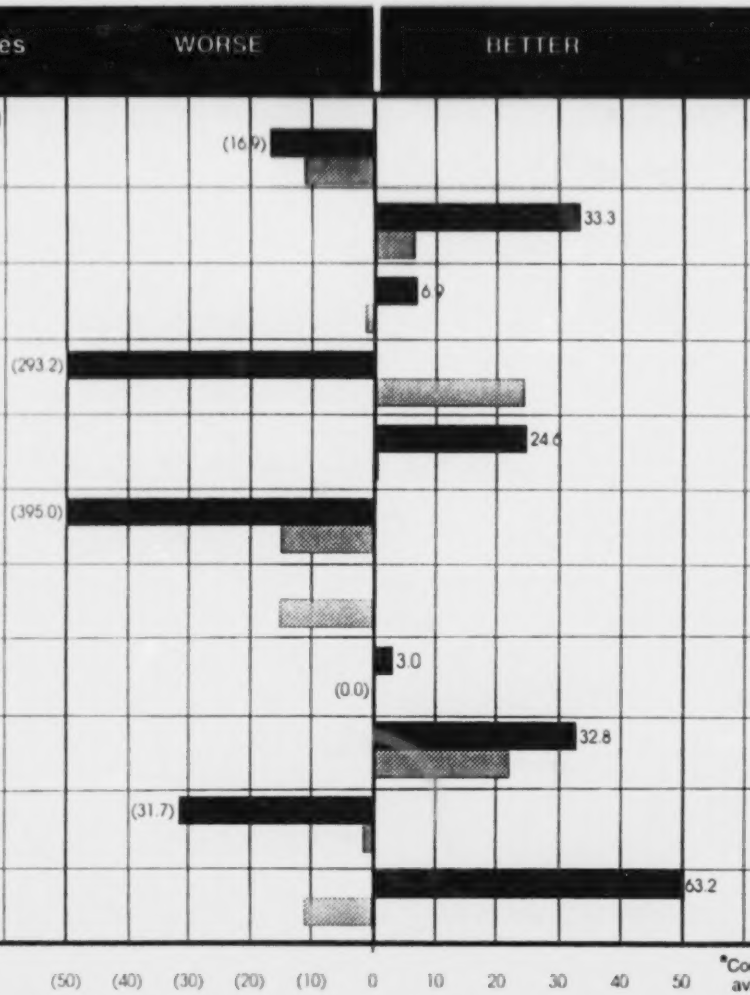


Andrew County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 10



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	21.9	25.6	33.3	15
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	18.9	12.6	20.2	15
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*ª*	5.8	5.4	6.9	31
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*ª*	4.4	17.3	7.8	111
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*ª*	25.6	19.3	33.5	22
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.0	9.9	13.7	38
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	0.0	1.5	4.5	17
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	86.2	88.8	76.9	19
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	12.2	8.2	10.7	40
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	18.3	24.1	53.5	14
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*ª*	55.4	20.4	80.5	9

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

*County Rank is based on most recent available data, 1=best, 115=worst.

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	3,952	4,091	3.5
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	27.0	26.9	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.9	0.7	-22.2
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	9.3	14.3	53.8
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	7.4	12.1	63.5
Median household income	1989 1993	$28,957	$28,521	-1.5
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,661	1,738	4.6
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	6.0	6.2	3.3
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	53.3	50.9	-4.5
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	39.2	65.1	66.1
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	55.8	73.3	31.4
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	16.5	18.0	9.1
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	38.5	49.0	27.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	6.0	5.6	-6.7
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	16.3	18.3	12.3

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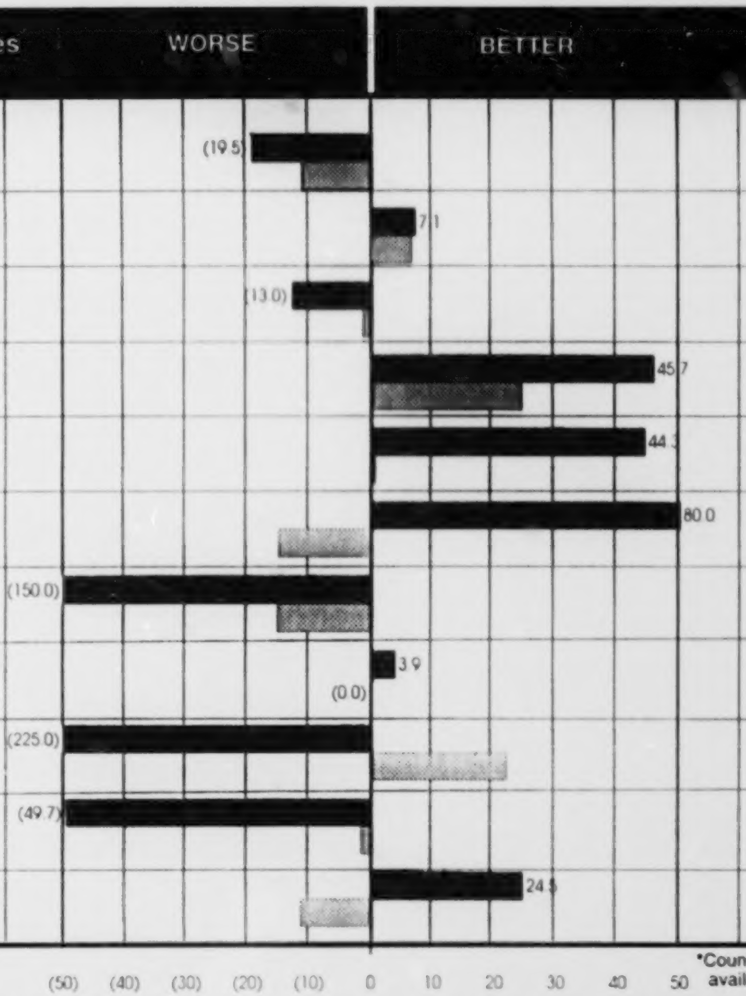
Atchison County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank | 17



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	27.2	32.5	33.3	40
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	8.4	7.8	20.2	5
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991ª*	5.4	6.1	6.9	55
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991ª*	9.4	5.1	7.8	14
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991ª*	28.0	15.6	33.5	14
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.0	0.6	13.7	1
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	1.2	3.0	4.5	32
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	92.1	95.7	76.9	4
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	2.4	7.8	10.7	34
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	33.8	50.6	53.5	78
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991ª*	90.5	68.3	80.5	45

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

*County Rank is based on most recent available data, **1=best, 115=worst**.

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**1,679**	**1,606**	**-4.3**
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	22.5	22.6	0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.1	0.4	-63.6
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	14.8	23.4	58.1
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	10.0	14.7	47.0
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$22,223	$21,760	-2.1
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	1,758	1,597	-9.2
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	3.5	4.8	37.1
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	29.5	48.6	64.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	45.9	49.9	8.7
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	59.9	81.4	35.9
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	10.9	9.1	-16.5
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	31.3	60.2	92.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	4.7	6.9	46.8
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	21.7	27.2	25.3

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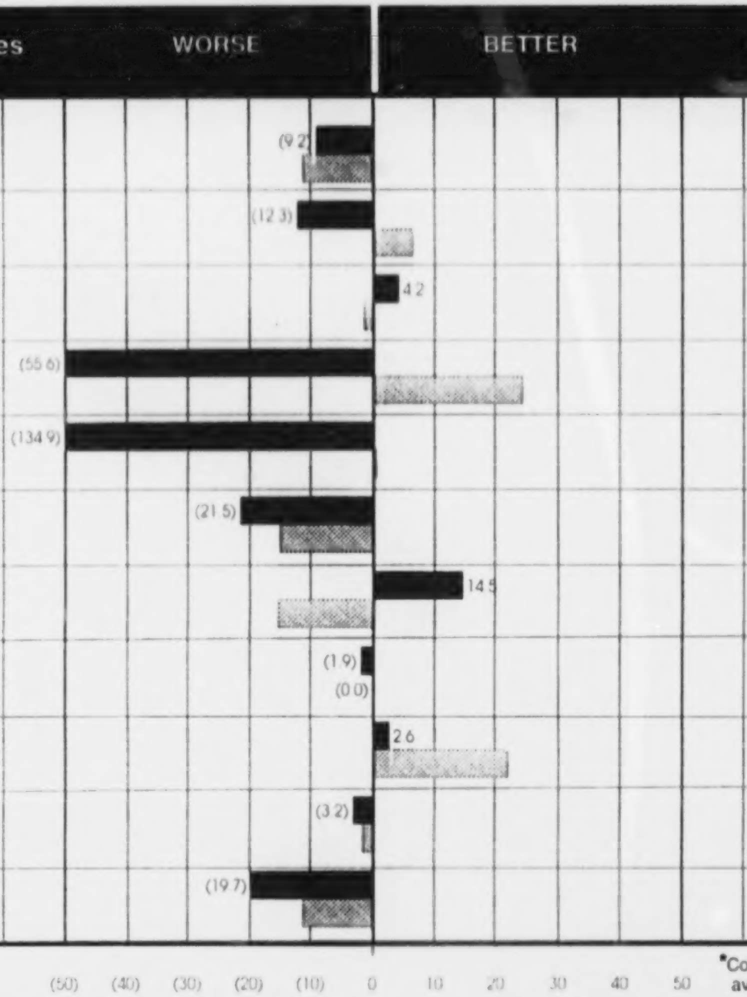
Audrain County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank | **81**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	28.4	31.0	33.3	28
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 1990/1993	25.2	28.3	20.2	89
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991ª	7.2	6.9	6.9	90
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991ª	6.3	9.8	7.8	71
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991ª	19.5	45.8	33.5	90
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	7.9	9.6	13.7	31
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	5.5	4.7	4.5	69
High school completion rate 1991/1993	84.9	83.2	76.9	45
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	11.4	11.1	10.7	87
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	55.4	57.2	53.5	90
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991ª	21.3	25.5	80.5	12

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	6,223	6,224	0.0
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	26.4	26.3	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	8.8	8.2	-6.8
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	15.6	21.0	34.6
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	10.9	16.4	50.5
Median household income	1989 1993	$26,067	$25,722	-1.3
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	4,453	4,648	4.4
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	5.8	5.8	0.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	46.5	42.6	-8.4
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	49.1	62.6	27.5
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	62.0	80.6	30.0
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	36.3	40.9	12.7
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	29.8	30.2	1.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	8.0	9.2	15.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	20.0	25.8	29.0

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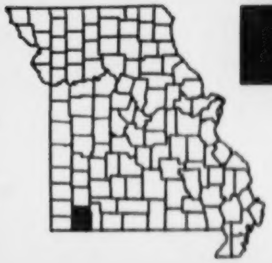

Barry County

Trend Data

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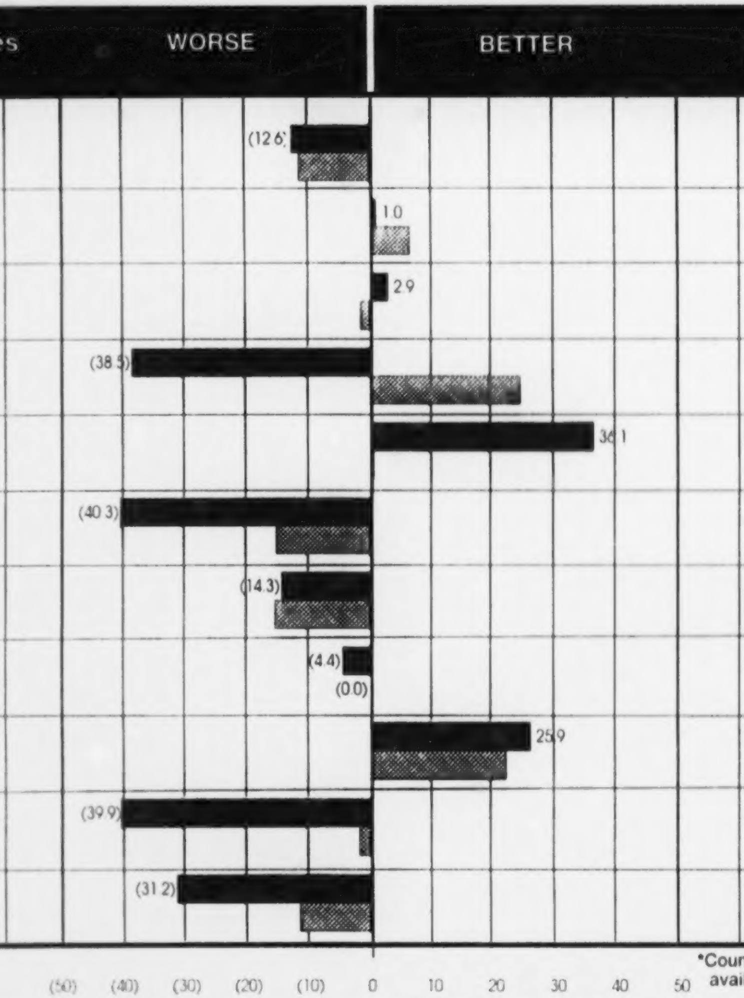
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 64



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	34.1	38.4	33.3	71
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 1990/1993	28.6	28.3	20.2	88
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991ª	6.8	6.6	6.9	76
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991ª	7.8	10.8	7.8	81
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991ª	23.3	14.9	33.5	13
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	6.7	9.4	13.7	28
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	2.1	2.4	4.5	28
High school completion rate 1991/1993	79.7	76.1	76.9	86
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	11.6	8.6	10.7	52
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	30.3	42.4	53.5	55
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991ª	73.4	96.3	80.5	67

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

*County Rank is based on most recent available data, 1=best, 115=worst.

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	6,977	7,456	6.9
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	25.3	25.3	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	2.2	2.0	-9.1
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	15.5	20.9	34.8
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	9.6	15.0	56.3
Median household income	1989 1993	$21,178	$21,423	1.2
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	5,220	5,547	6.3
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	4.5	6.9	53.3
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	39.7	45.0	13.4
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	49.7	63.8	28.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	62.0	74.5	20.2
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	11.4	19.1	67.5
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	12.4	23.0	85.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	8.2	10.6	29.3
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	28.5	34.6	21.4

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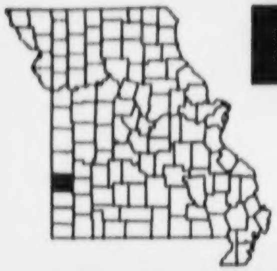

Barton County

Trend Data

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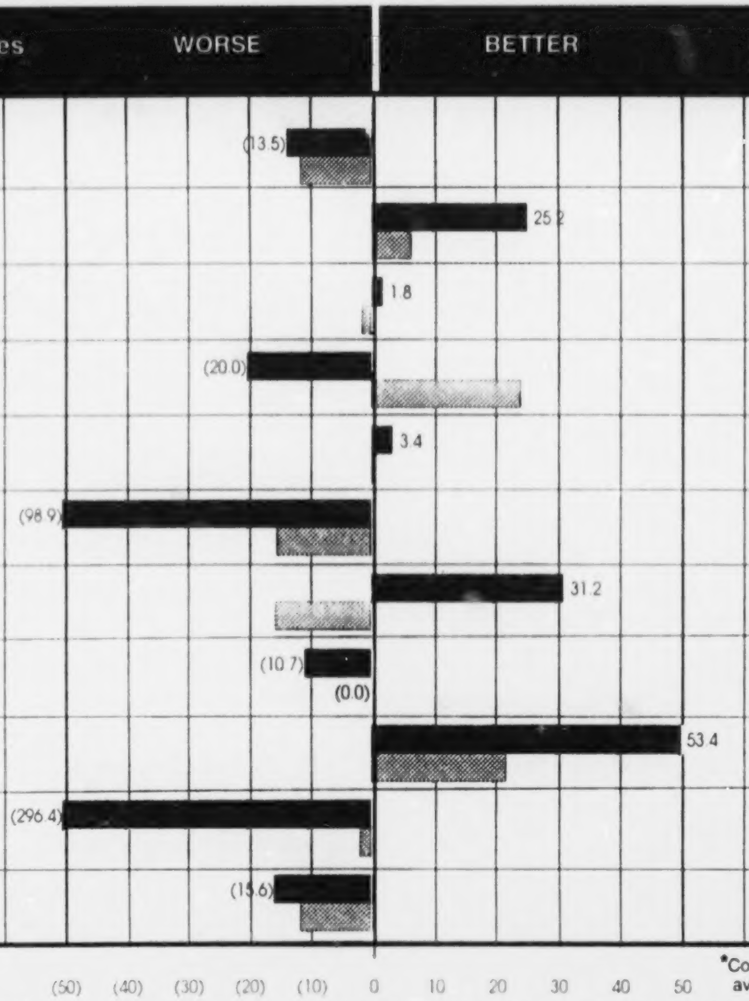
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 57



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	27.4	31.1	33.3	30
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	22.6	16.9	20.2	33
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991ª*	5.5	5.4	6.9	31
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991ª*	8.0	9.6	7.8	70
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991ª*	34.8	33.6	33.5	54
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	9.0	17.9	13.7	88
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	7.7	5.3	4.5	73
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	89.8	80.1	76.9	62
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	8.8	4.1	10.7	4
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	13.7	54.3	53.5	83
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991ª*	52.5	60.7	80.5	35

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

*County Rank is based on most recent available data, **1=best, 115=worst**.

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	2,986	3,093	3.6
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	26.4	26.3	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	2.0	1.9	-5.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	17.3	16.6	-4.0
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	9.5	13.4	41.1
Median household income	1989 1993	$22,040	$22,145	0.5
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	2,074	2,250	8.5
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	3.7	4.2	13.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	44.5	43.4	-2.5
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	44.3	64.5	45.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	58.4	80.1	37.2
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	31.0	29.5	-4.8
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	20.8	30.8	48.1
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	6.8	7.9	16.2
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	22.9	26.4	15.3

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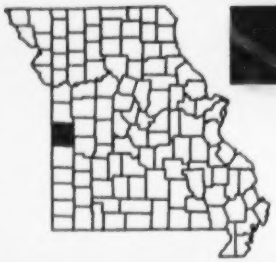
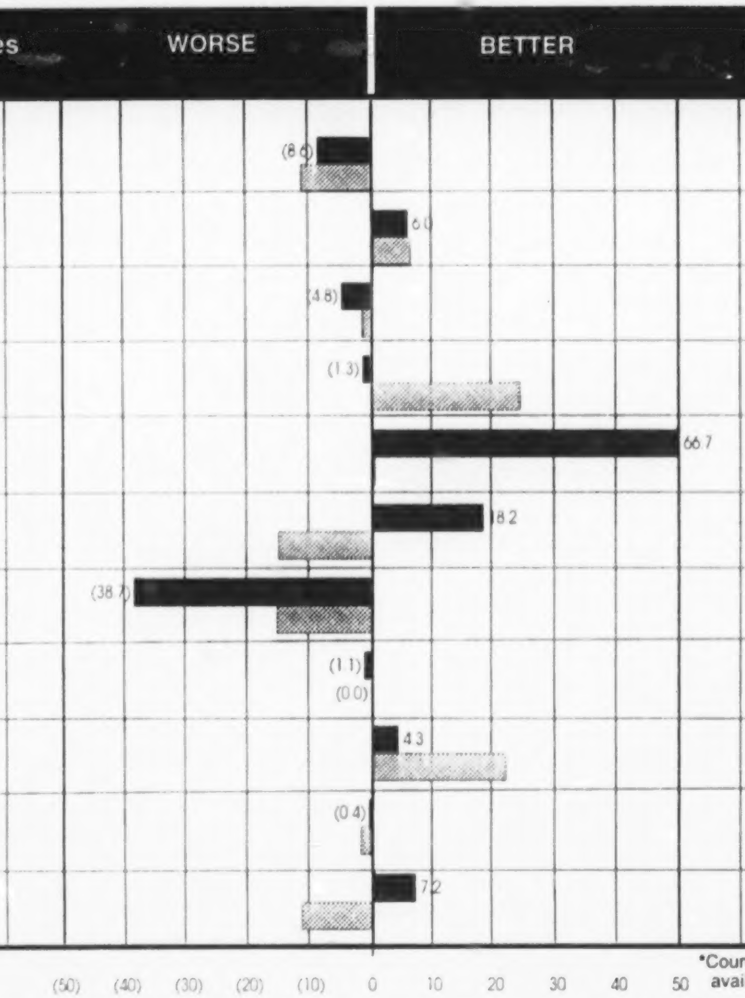


Bates County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **84**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	32.5	35.3	33.3	53
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	21.7	20.4	20.2	48
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	8.3	8.7	6.9	111
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	15.1	15.3	7.8	106
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	58.6	19.5	33.5	23
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	14.3	11.7	13.7	50
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.1	4.3	4.5	60
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	87.7	86.8	76.9	27
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.5	11.0	10.7	85
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	53.7	53.9	53.5	82
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	92.3	85.7	80.5	59

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

*County Rank is based on most recent available data, **1=best, 115=worst**.

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**3,928**	**3,969**	**1.0**
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.1	26.1	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.4	1.3	-7.1
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	17.8	23.1	29.8
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.0	14.8	64.4
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$22,245	$21,789	-2.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,420	2,595	7.2
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	8.1	7.7	-4.9
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	45.3	40.7	-10.2
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	41.8	59.0	41.1
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	57.3	74.7	30.4
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	22.0	22.5	2.3
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	35.9	32.5	-9.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	9.9	9.5	-4.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	27.3	33.3	22.0

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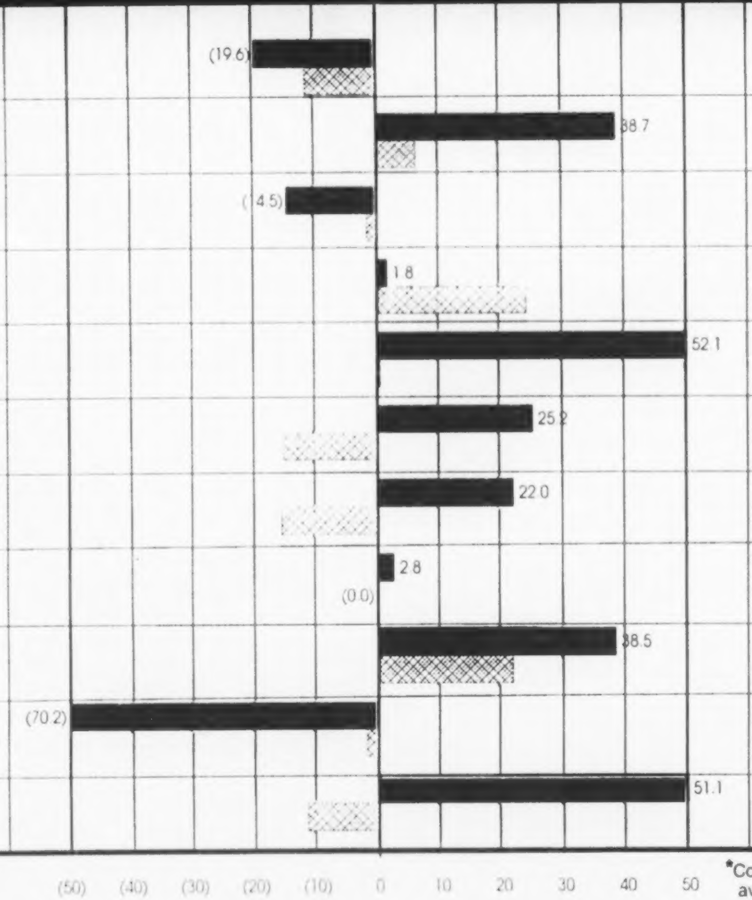
Benton County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 26



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	35.2	42.1	33.3	85
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	31.3	19.2	20.2	45
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.2	7.1	6.9	99
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	11.2	11.0	7.8	82
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	37.4	17.9	33.5	18
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	15.1	11.3	13.7	46
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	5.0	3.9	4.5	51
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	76.9	79.0	76.9	67
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.7	7.2	10.7	27
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	12.1	20.6	53.5	10
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	46.6	22.8	80.5	10

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	2,977	3,177	6.7
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	21.5	21.3	-0.9
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	0.9	0.6	-33.3
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	19.5	26.1	33.8
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.1	14.6	60.4
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$18,740	$18,635	-0.6
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,136	2,218	3.8
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	8.3	9.7	16.9
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	39.5	43.1	9.1
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	48.5	60.0	23.7
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	57.0	72.6	27.4
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	20.1	15.6	-22.4
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	25.3	27.1	7.1
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	11.3	11.8	4.4
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	31.9	37.1	16.3

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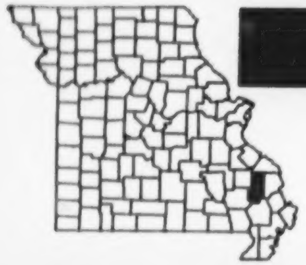
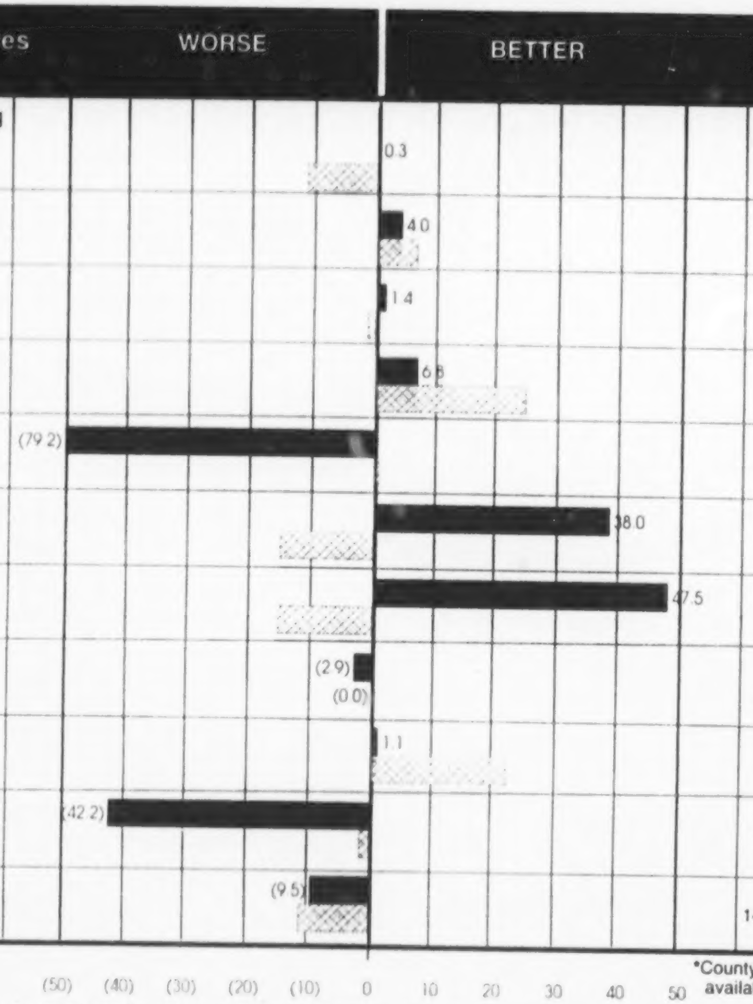


Bollinger County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 19



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	36.6	36.5	33.3	61
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	27.7	26.6	20.2	79
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.9	6.8	6.9	84
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	11.8	11.0	7.8	82
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	46.7	83.7	33.5	112
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	10.8	6.7	13.7	10
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.0	2.1	4.5	24
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	87.6	85.0	76.9	37
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	9.0	8.9	10.7	56
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	10.9	15.5	53.5	8
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	148.0	162.1	80.5	100

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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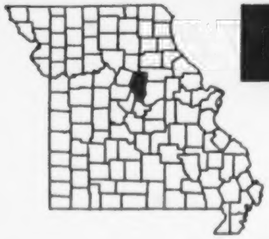
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	2,782	2,861	2.8
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	26.2	26.2	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.9	0.9	0.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	23.2	23.6	1.7
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	8.3	11.4	37.3
Median household income	1989 1993	$21,250	$21,828	2.7
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,228	1,313	6.9
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	10.1	8.7	-13.9
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	44.1	39.3	-10.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	44.4	50.8	14.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	50.6	62.3	23.1
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	9.2	11.4	23.9
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	36.6	19.0	-48.1
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	7.8	9.9	26.9
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	25.9	30.8	18.9



Boone County

Trend Data

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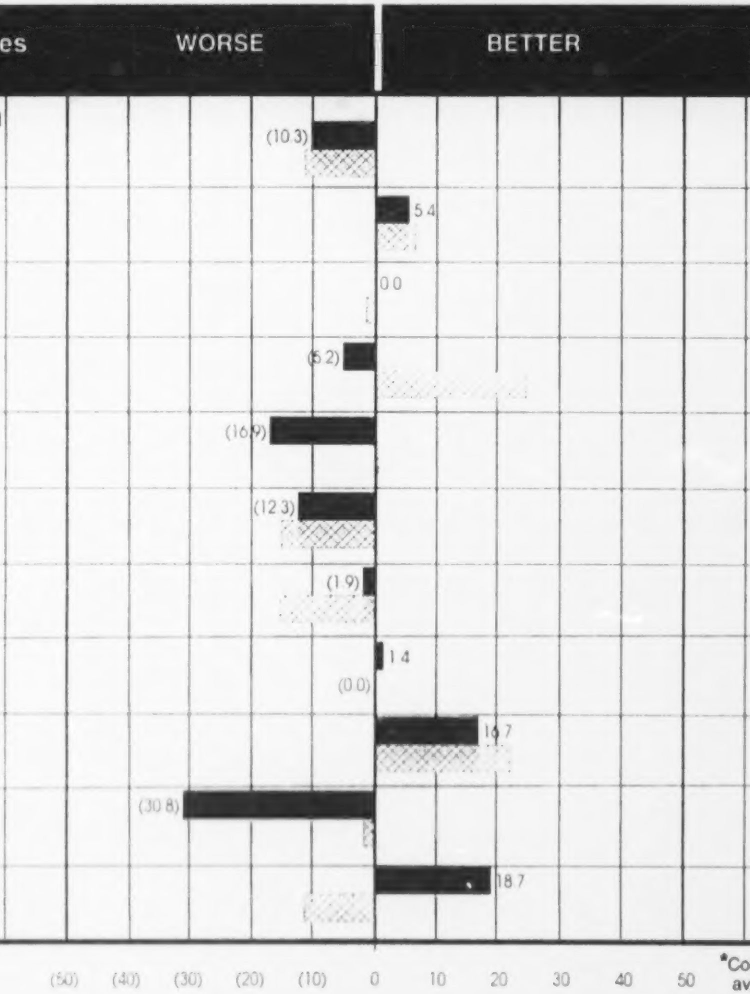
Composite County Rank 76



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	21.4	23.6	33.3	11
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	13.0	12.3	20.2	13
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.5	6.5	6.9	72
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	9.7	10.2	7.8	75
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	31.9	37.3	33.5	65
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	7.3	8.2	13.7	20
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	5.2	5.3	4.5	73
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	74.4	75.4	76.9	90
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	9.6	8.0	10.7	38
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	62.1	81.2	53.5	112
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	50.7	41.2	80.5	20

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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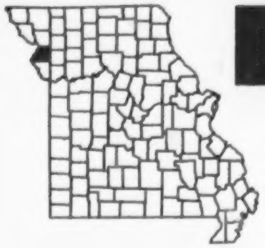
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	25,364	27,303	7.6
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	22.6	22.7	0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	14.7	14.2	-3.4
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	8.3	14.3	72.3
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	16.0	20.9	30.6
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$28,500	$28,573	0.3
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	35,126	36,350	3.5
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	2.8	3.5	25.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	49.7	43.5	12.5
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	63.8	72.4	13.5
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	74.8	83.8	12.0
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	55.7	71.7	28.7
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	15.1	27.4	81.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	8.1	9.8	21.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	20.0	23.8	19.0



Buchanan County

Trend Data

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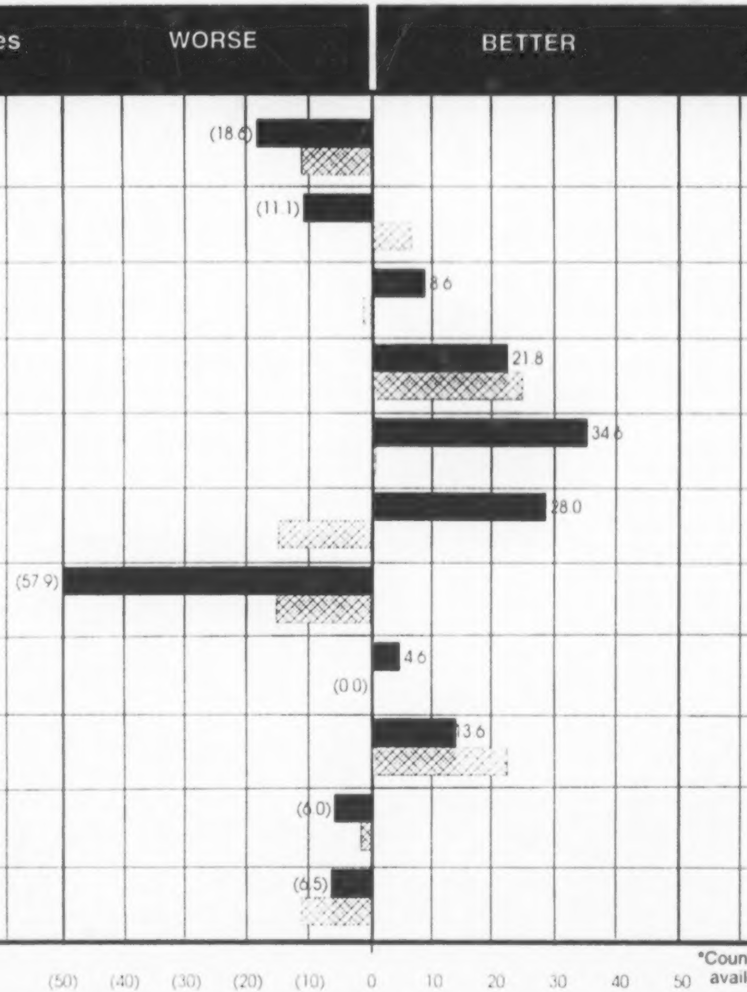
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 89



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank¹
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	28.5	33.8	33.3	46
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	24.3	27.0	20.2	80
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	7.0	6.4	6.9	67
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	11.0	8.6	7.8	57
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	33.2	21.7	33.5	28
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	15.7	11.3	13.7	46
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	1.9	3.0	4.5	32
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	80.1	83.8	76.9	42
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	17.6	15.2	10.7	108
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	59.8	63.4	53.5	97
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	49.0	52.2	80.5	27

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	21,453	21,828	1.7
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	25.8	25.9	0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	5.9	5.0	-15.3
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	13.9	21.0	51.1
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	15.7	22.0	40.1
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$25,450	$25,185	-1.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	21,936	22,496	2.6
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	6.2	8.2	32.3
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	40.2	40.8	1.5
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	52.6	62.6	19.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	63.0	77.8	23.5
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	19.4	23.4	20.6
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	38.7	41.8	8.0
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	12.2	14.4	18.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	28.6	34.1	19.2

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Butler County

Composite County Rank **104**

Trend Data

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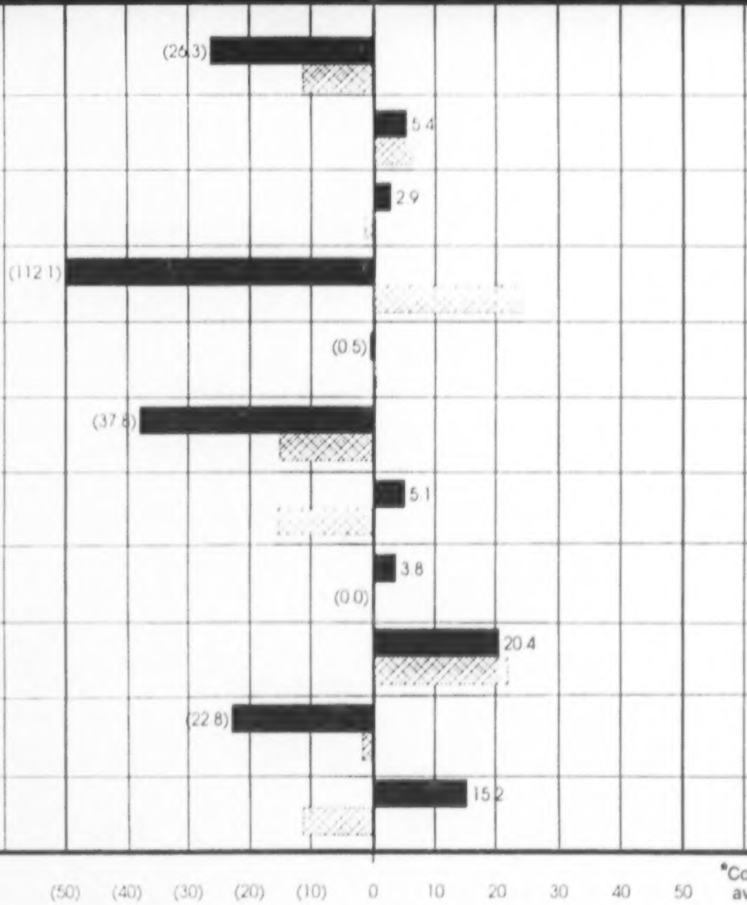

Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	39.5	49.9	33.3	99
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	27.8	26.3	20.2	77
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	7.0	6.8	6.9	84
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	6.6	14.0	7.8	101
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	39.3	39.5	33.5	75
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	12.7	17.5	13.7	84
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.9	3.7	4.5	43
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	68.9	71.6	76.9	100
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	14.2	11.3	10.7	91
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	44.8	55.0	53.5	86
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	99.7	84.5	80.5	56

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

*County Rank is based on most recent available data, **1=best, 115=worst**

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	9,963	10,388	4.3
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	25.7	25.7	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	8.8	8.5	3.4
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	29.4	33.0	12.2
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	16.4	21.5	31.1
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$17,932	$18,054	0.7
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	9,172	9,644	5.1
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	7.4	8.1	9.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	36.4	40.5	11.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	49.9	62.5	25.3
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	61.0	72.0	18.0
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	27.8	28.2	1.4
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	35.0	46.7	33.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	18.4	18.9	2.7
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	42.6	44.8	5.2

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Caldwell County

Trend Data

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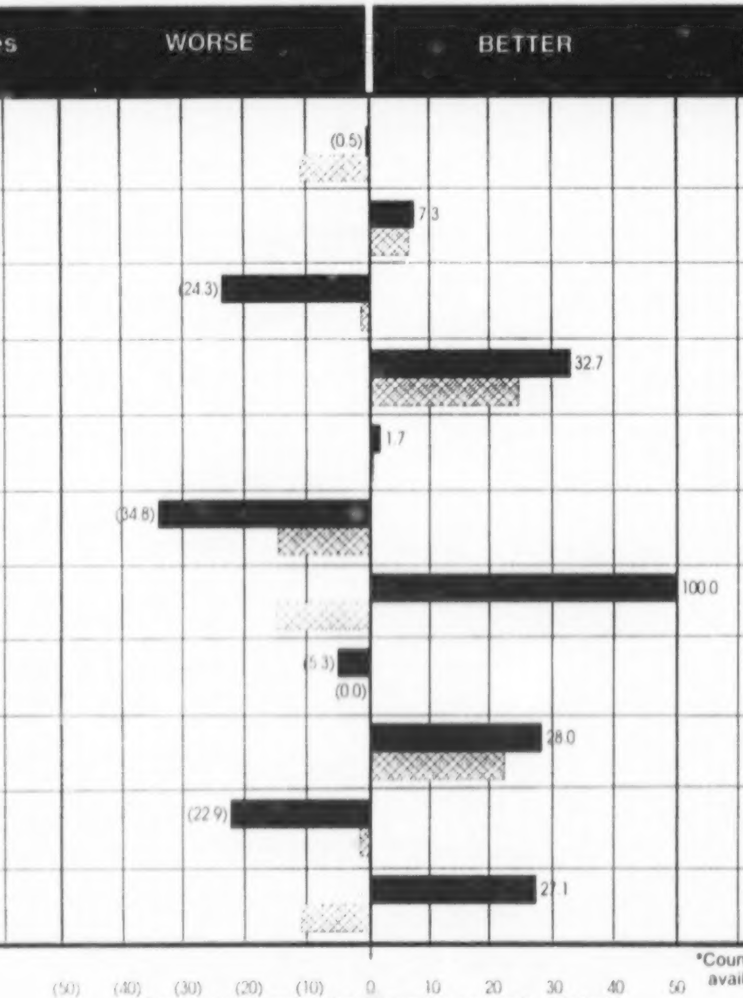
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 18



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	38.2	38.4	33.3	71
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	23.3	21.6	20.2	60
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[#]	3.7	4.6	6.9	10
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[#]	5.5	3.7	7.8	6
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[#]	24.0	23.6	33.5	35
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	14.1	19.0	13.7	95
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	1.4	0.0	4.5	1
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	89.7	84.9	76.9	38
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.0	7.2	10.7	27
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	16.6	20.4	53.5	9
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[#]	198.3	144.6	80.5	89

[#] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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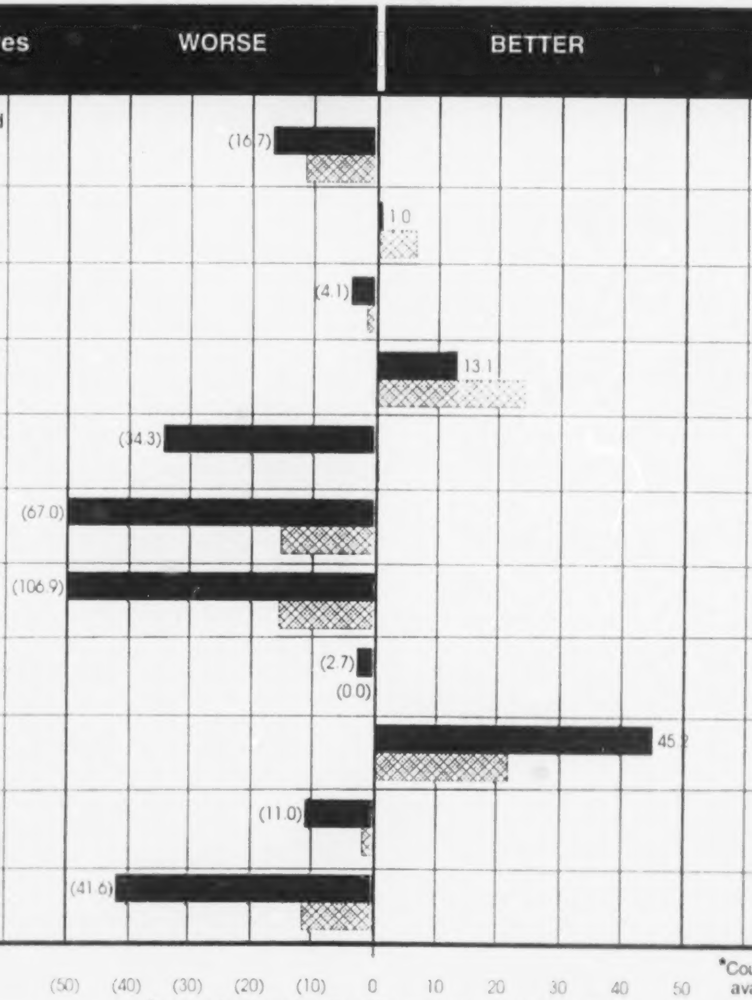
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	2,200	2,213	0.6
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.3	26.2	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	0.5	0.4	-20.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	14.8	25.1	69.6
Percent childrenin one parent families	*1980* *1990*	7.3	13.4	83.6
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$21,658	$21,375	-1.3
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	1,001	1,054	5.3
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	7.2	7.7	6.9
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	52.2	43.7	-16.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	47.1	54.2	15.1
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	61.0	71.9	17.9
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	24.2	12.1	-50.0
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	38.7	37.8	-2.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	7.1	7.7	8.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	24.2	31.7	31.0

Callaway County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **54**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	27.0	31.5	33.3	33
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	20.9	20.7	20.2	53
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	7.4	7.7	6.9	105
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	9.9	8.6	7.8	57
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	24.5	32.9	33.5	50
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	9.4	15.7	13.7	74
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.9	6.0	4.5	83
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	78.2	76.1	76.9	87
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	15.5	8.5	10.7	49
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	40.0	44.4	53.5	63
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	21.4	30.3	80.5	13

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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*County Rank is based on most recent available data, 1=**best**, 115=**worst**.

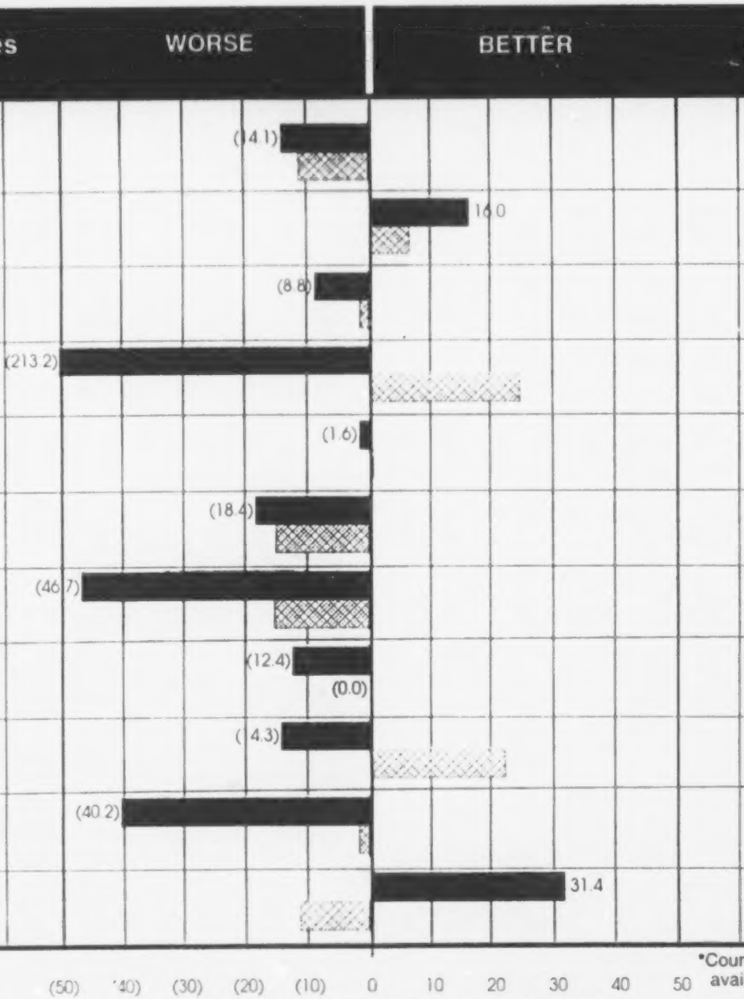
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	8,597	9,031	5.0
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.2	26.2	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	5.4	5.1	-5.6
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	9.7	14.3	47.4
Percent childrenin one parent families	*1980* *1990*	10.6	16.3	53.8
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$29,388	$29,262	-0.4
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	5,586	5,743	2.8
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	4.8	5.8	20.8
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	47.2	40.9	-13.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	57.4	72.4	26.1
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	70.7	82.6	16.8
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	27.3	23.3	-14.7
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	19.6	30.2	54.1
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	6.5	7.9	21.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	19.1	23.5	23.0

Camden County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank | **65**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	32.6	37.2	33.3	66
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	20.6	17.3	20.2	35
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.7	6.2	6.9	59
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	3.8	11.9	7.8	87
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	38.4	39.0	33.5	74
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	16.3	19.3	13.7	97
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.0	4.4	4.5	62
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	78.1	68.4	76.9	107
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	6.3	7.2	10.7	27
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	32.8	46.0	53.5	66
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	131.0	89.9	80.5	63

[a]Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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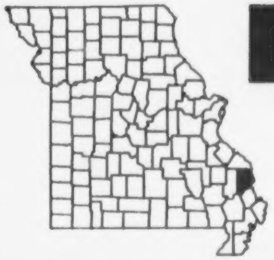
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	5,994	6,548	9.2
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	21.8	21.8	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.0	0.9	-10.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	17.3	17.0	-1.7
Percent childrenin one parent families	1980 1990	9.6	14.9	55.2
Median household income	1989 1993	$24,814	$26,234	5.7
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	9,546	10,141	6.2
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	6.4	9.0	40.6
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	49.5	49.6	0.2
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	49.5	64.2	29.7
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	63.7	82.2	29.0
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	29.3	29.2	-0.3
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	22.6	38.3	69.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	6.3	8.1	28.6
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	24.1	27.7	14.9



Cape Girardeau County

Trend Data

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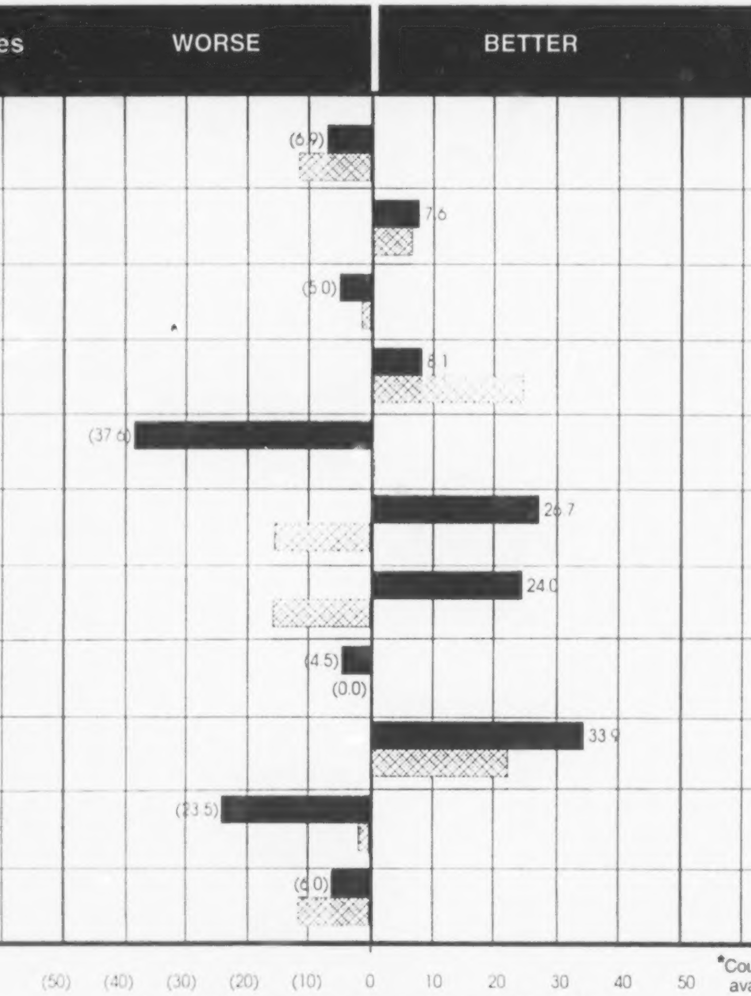
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 73



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	21.7	23.2	33.3	10
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 1990/1993	17.1	15.8	20.2	27
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991[a]	6.0	6.3	6.9	65
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991[a]	9.9	9.1	7.8	63
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991[a]	18.1	24.9	33.5	40
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	10.5	7.7	13.7	17
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	5.0	3.8	4.5	45
High school completion rate 1991/1993	77.0	73.6	76.9	95
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	12.7	8.4	10.7	48
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	65.1	80.4	53.5	110
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991[a]	39.9	42.3	80.5	21

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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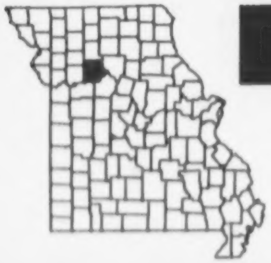
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	14,629	15,452	5.6
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	23.7	23.9	0.8
Percent minority children	1990 1993	8.4	8.1	-3.6
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	11.1	14.2	27.9
Percent childrenin one parent families	1980 1990	11.9	16.6	39.5
Median household income	1989 1993	$27,120	$26,757	-1.3
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	22,676	22,905	1.0
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	4.4	5.6	27.3
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	47.6	41.1	-13.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	56.0	68.0	21.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	67.2	77.9	15.9
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	38.6	47.1	22.0
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	19.9	23.6	18.6
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	7.6	8.5	11.8
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	20.5	23.1	12.7



Carroll County

Composite County Rank 94*

Trend Data

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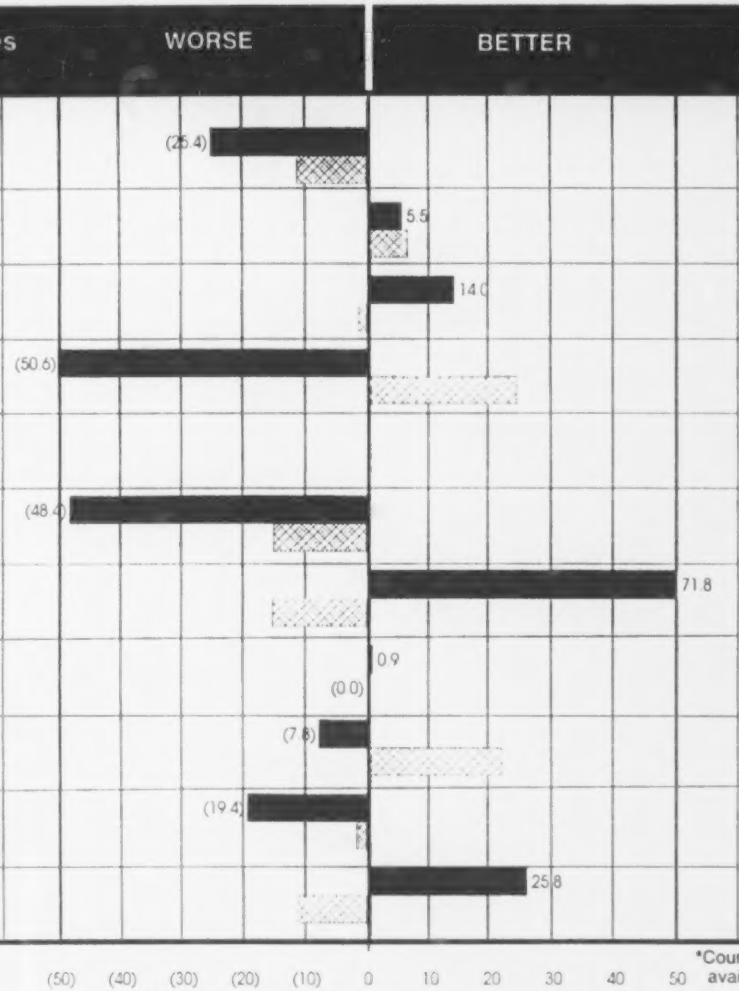

Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	31.9	40.0	33.3	80
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	27.2	25.7	20.2	75
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.7	4.9	6.9	20
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	8.3	12.5	7.8	96
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	0.0	37.6	33.5	67
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	12.4	18.4	13.7	92
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.9	1.1	4.5	7
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	87.5	88.2	76.9	23
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.2	11.0	10.7	85
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	53.0	63.3	53.5	96
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	74.3	55.1	80.5	29

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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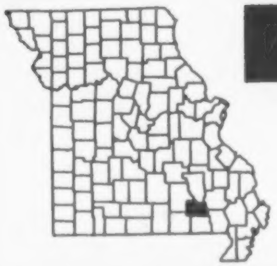
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	2,825	2,789	-1.3
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.3	26.1	-0.8
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	3.0	2.7	-10.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	19.3	17.8	-7.8
Percent childrenin one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.7	16.3	68.0
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$21,760	$21,322	-2.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,055	2,283	11.1
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	9.1	9.0	-1.1
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	50.9	48.5	-4.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	43.2	58.3	35.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	54.4	73.5	35.1
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	9.2	10.6	15.2
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	50.3	46.0	-8.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	11.0	10.7	-2.7
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	26.7	31.0	16.1

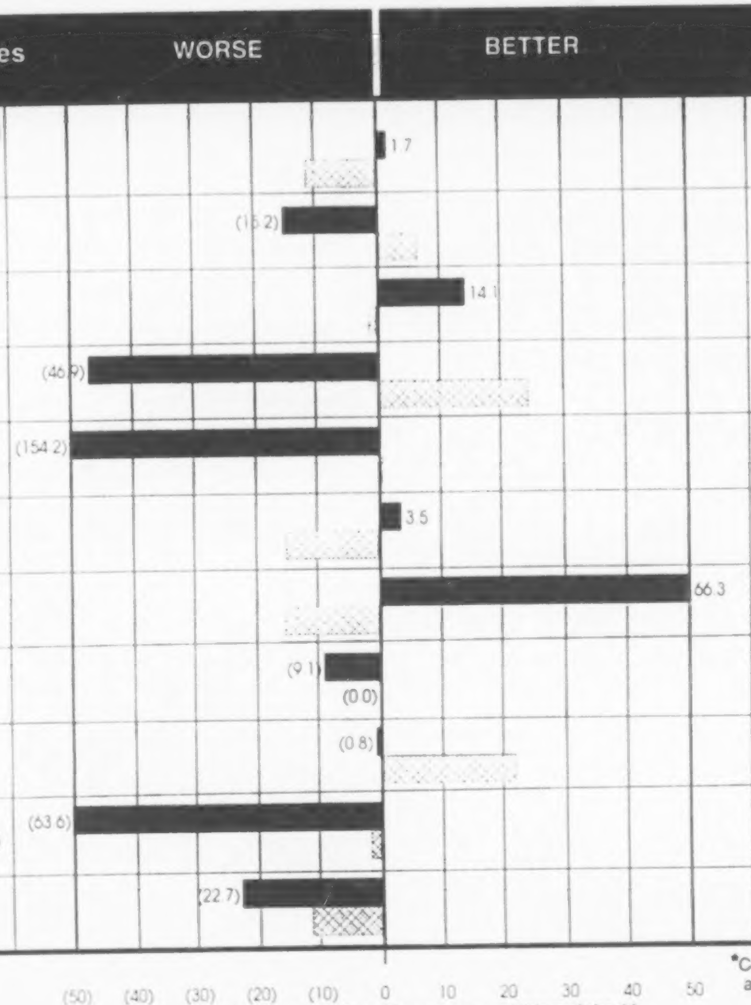


Carter County

Composite County Rank	74

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	58.7	57.7	33.3	110
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	28.2	32.5	20.2	101
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	7.8	6.7	6.9	82
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	4.9	7.2	7.8	38
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	33.4	84.9	33.5	113
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	8.5	8.2	13.7	20
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	9.2	3.1	4.5	36
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	84.5	76.8	76.9	80
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	12.9	13.0	10.7	102
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	15.4	25.2	53.5	17
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	318.2	390.5	80.5	115

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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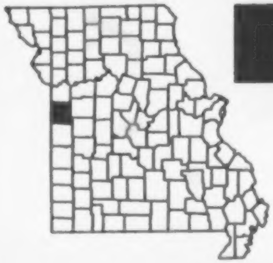
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	**1,522**	**1,622**	**6.6**
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	27.6	27.6	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.9	0.9	0.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	31.6	34.3	8.5
Percent childrenin one parent families	1980 1990	9.7	17.8	83.5
Median household income	1989 1993	$17,137	$17,010	-0.7
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	717	672	-6.3
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	10.9	11.2	2.8
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	45.0	39.0	-13.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	45.9	48.8	6.3
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	53.5	71.5	33.6
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	16.8	26.5	57.7
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	56.3	58.6	4.1
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	17.9	19.5	8.9
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	50.0	50.8	1.6

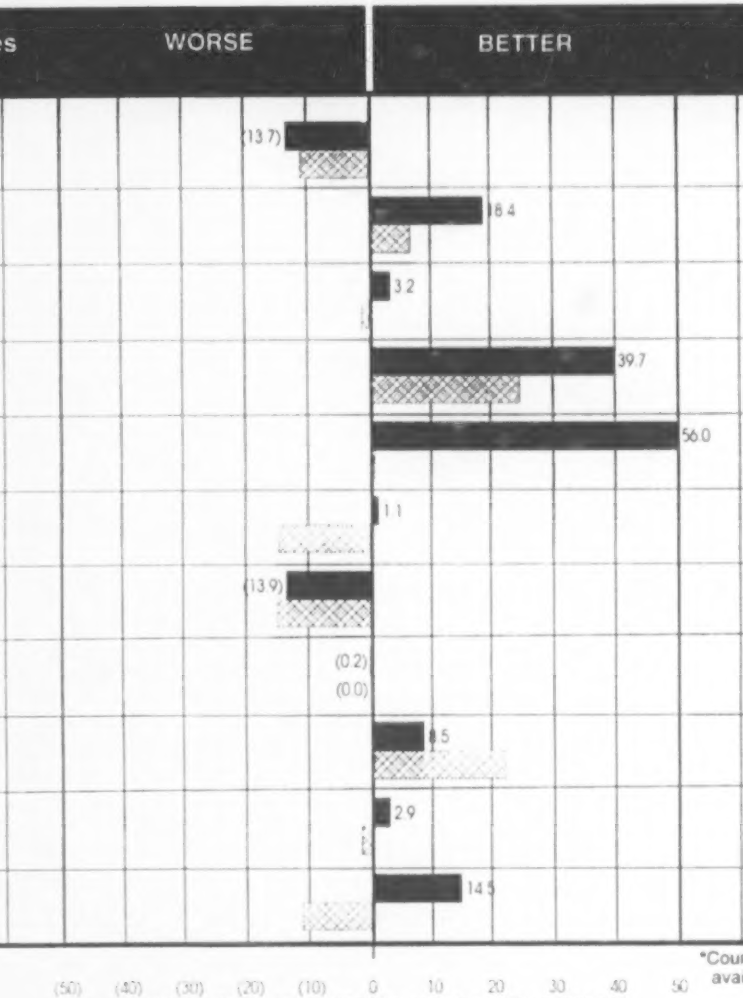


Cass County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **13**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	17.5	19.9	33.3	4
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	20.1	16.4	20.2	30
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.2	6.0	6.9	52
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	12.6	7.6	7.8	43
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	40.7	17.9	33.5	18
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	8.8	8.7	13.7	22
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.6	4.1	4.5	52
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	81.4	81.3	76.9	56
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.6	9.7	10.7	70
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	34.5	33.5	53.5	36
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	82.5	70.5	80.5	49

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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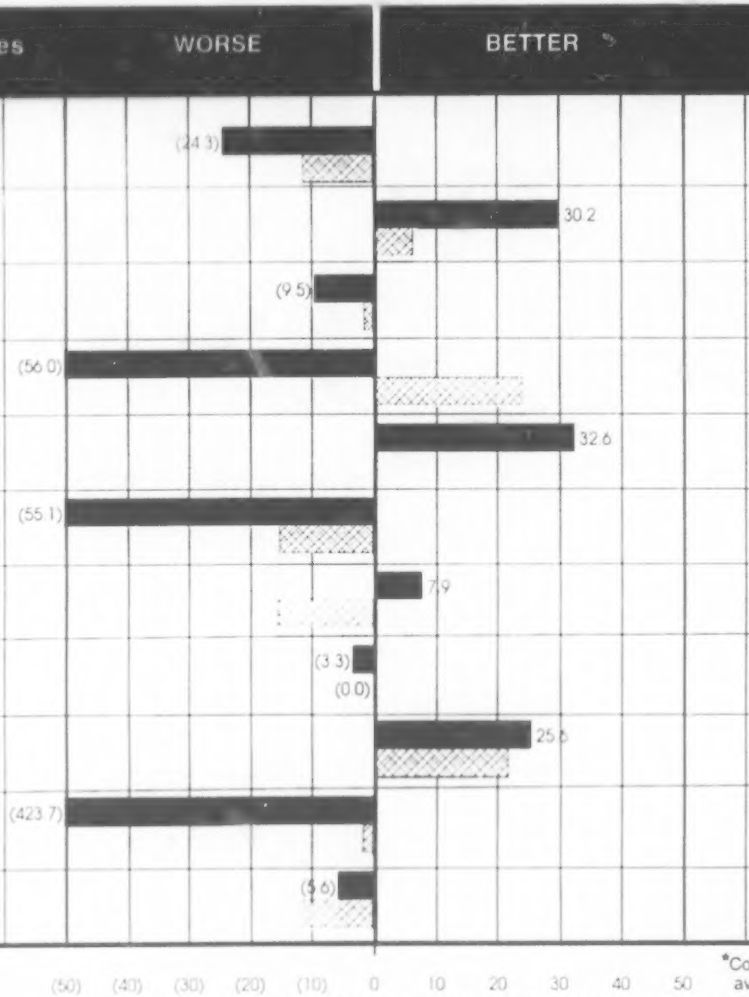
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**18,552**	**20,368**	9.8
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	29.1	29.0	-0.3
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	3.1	2.6	-16.1
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	8.9	11.0	23.6
Percent childrenin one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.1	14.5	59.3
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$34,611	$34,407	-0.6
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	9,946	11,152	12.1
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	5.3	5.4	1.9
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	48.3	46.0	-4.8
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	47.7	61.3	28.5
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	69.4	83.0	19.6
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	25.9	35.1	35.5
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	19.0	23.4	23.2
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	5.0	5.6	12.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	14.7	17.4	18.4

Cedar County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank | **51**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	28.8	35.8	33.3	56
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	24.5	17.1	20.2	34
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	4.2	4.6	6.9	10
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	11.6	18.1	7.8	113
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	55.8	37.6	33.5	67
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	7.8	12.1	13.7	52
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	8.9	8.2	4.5	97
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	80.1	77.5	76.9	75
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	8.6	6.4	10.7	18
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	7.6	39.8	53.5	44
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	177.5	187.5	80.5	106

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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*County Rank is based on most recent available data, **1=best, 115=worst**.

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**2,814**	**2,839**	**0.9**
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	23.3	23.2	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.1	0.8	-27.3
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	18.7	30.9	65.2
Percent childrenin one parent families	*1980* *1990*	11.2	17.1	52.7
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$18,852	$19,115	1.4
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,167	2,228	2.8
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	6.6	6.1	-7.6
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	44.0	39.2	-10.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	54.7	62.8	14.8
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	58.7	79.0	34.6
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	14.3	26.7	86.7
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	20.1	32.0	59.2
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	10.5	10.9	3.8
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	34.3	38.7	12.8

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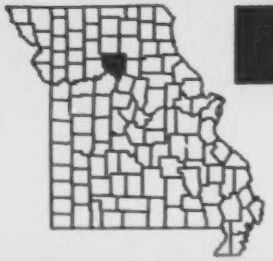

Chariton County

Trend Data

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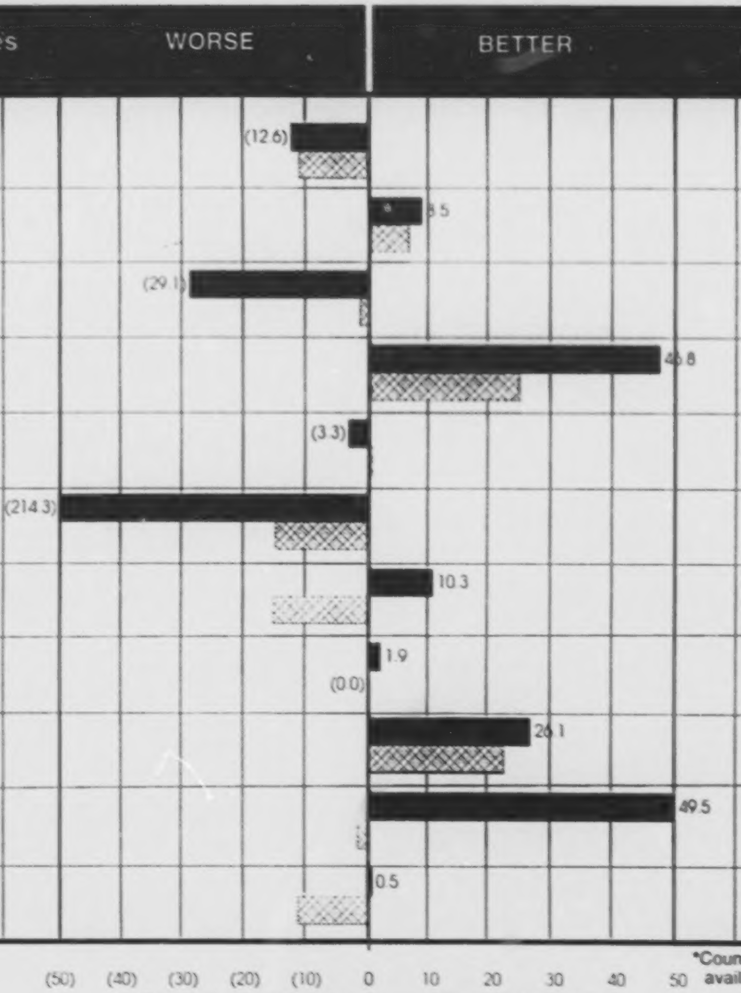
Composite County Rank 3



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	29.4	33.1	33.3	43
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	14.1	12.9	20.2	16
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.5	7.1	6.9	99
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	9.4	5.0	7.8	12
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	21.2	21.9	33.5	30
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.1	6.6	13.7	8
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.9	2.6	4.5	30
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	93.7	95.5	76.9	5
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.1	8.2	10.7	40
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	27.9	14.1	53.5	6
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	147.9	147.1	80.5	91

[a]Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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*County Rank is based on most recent available data, 1=best, 115=worst.

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	**2,374**	**2,293**	-3.4
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	25.8	25.6	-0.8
Percent minority children	1990 1993	4.0	3.9	-2.5
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	17.0	19.0	11.8
Percent childrenin one parent families	1980 1990	7.8	11.0	41.0
Median household income	1989 1993	$23,128	$22,669	-2.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,354	1,381	2.0
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	5.1	8.1	58.8
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	50.9	50.0	-1.8
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	49.5	68.8	39.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	54.4	77.1	41.7
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	20.4	14.3	-29.9
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	85.1	89.2	4.8
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	6.1	6.3	3.3
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	16.8	21.3	26.8

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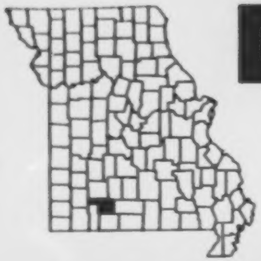

Christian County

Trend Data

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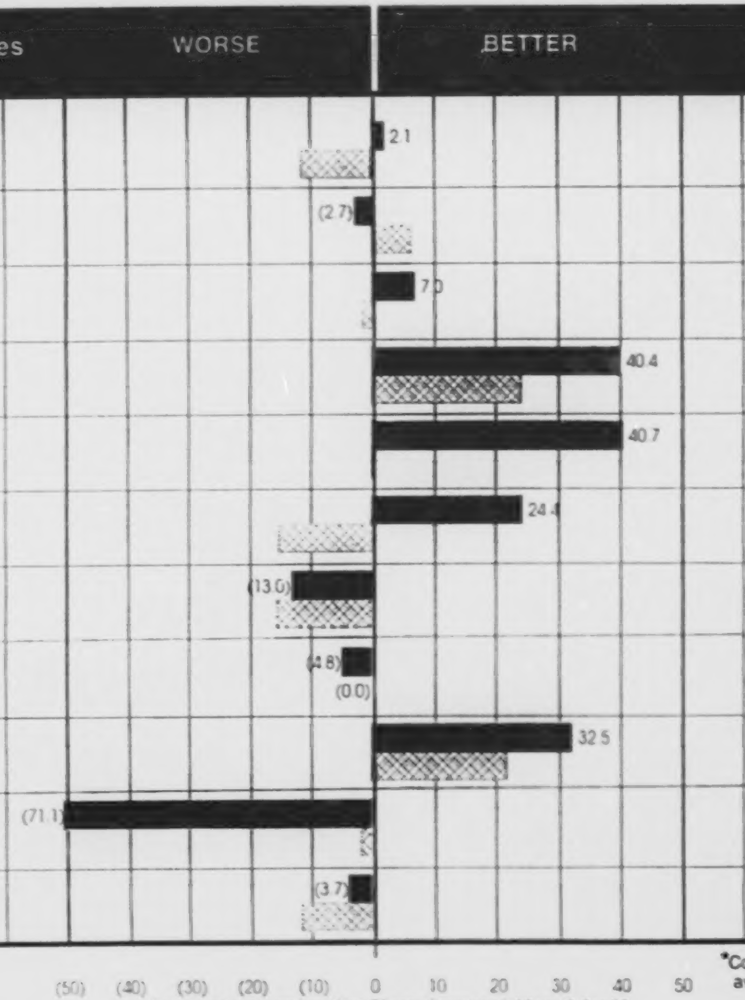
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **30**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	23.4	22.9	33.3	9
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	14.6	15.0	20.2	23
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.7	5.3	6.9	30
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	10.9	6.5	7.8	30
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	23.1	13.7	33.5	11
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	16.4	12.4	13.7	55
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	5.4	6.1	4.5	84
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	86.8	82.6	76.9	49
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	7.7	5.2	10.7	14
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	30.1	51.5	53.5	80
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	113.6	117.8	80.5	78

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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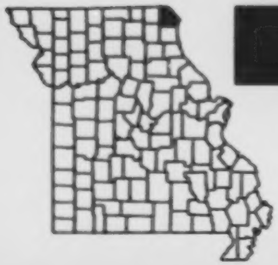
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	9,329	10,921	17.1
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	28.6	28.6	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.5	1.2	-20.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	12.6	11.8	-6.3
Percent childrenin one parent families	*1980* *1990*	10.5	14.1	34.3
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$28,567	$28,769	0.7
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	5,143	6,036	17.4
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	5.7	5.6	-1.8
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	51.6	48.7	-5.6
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	51.5	65.3	26.8
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	62.3	82.8	32.9
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	16.6	24.4	47.0
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	21.5	38.4	78.6
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	4.4	5.0	13.6
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	18.3	19.1	4.4

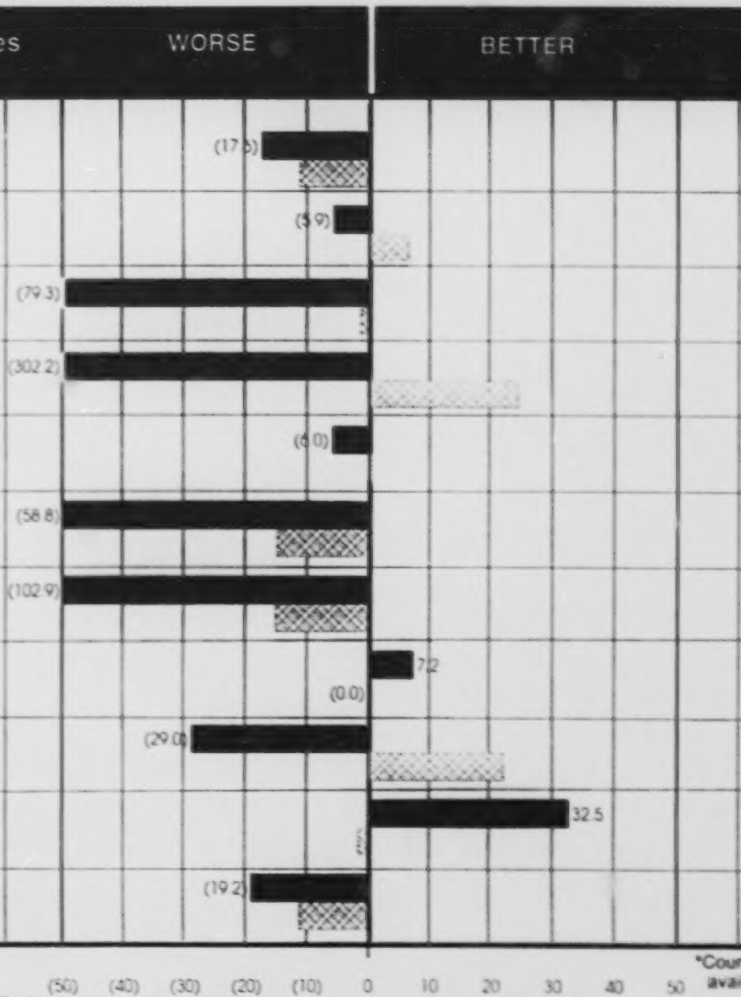


Clark County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 69



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	24.5	28.8	33.3	23
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	25.6	27.1	20.2	82
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991#*	2.9	5.2	6.9	26
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991#*	4.5	18.1	7.8	113
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991#*	23.2	24.6	33.5	38
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	9.7	15.4	13.7	72
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.4	6.9	4.5	89
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	84.6	90.7	76.9	10
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.0	12.9	10.7	100
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	59.7	40.3	53.5	47
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991#*	128.4	153.1	80.5	94

#Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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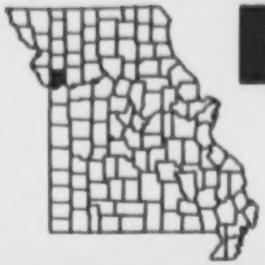
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	**2,054**	**2,076**	**1.1**
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	27.2	27.2	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.2	0.2	0.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	16.2	26.5	63.6
Percent childrenin one parent families	1980 1990	11.1	14.6	31.5
Median household income	1989 1993	$21,714	$21,241	-2.2
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	894	928	3.8
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	5.4	8.8	63.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	47.1	48.5	3.0
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	46.9	71.2	51.8
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	57.6	80.9	40.5
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	13.3	15.8	18.8
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	63.6	79.4	24.8
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	9.0	8.5	-5.6
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	22.4	25.7	14.7

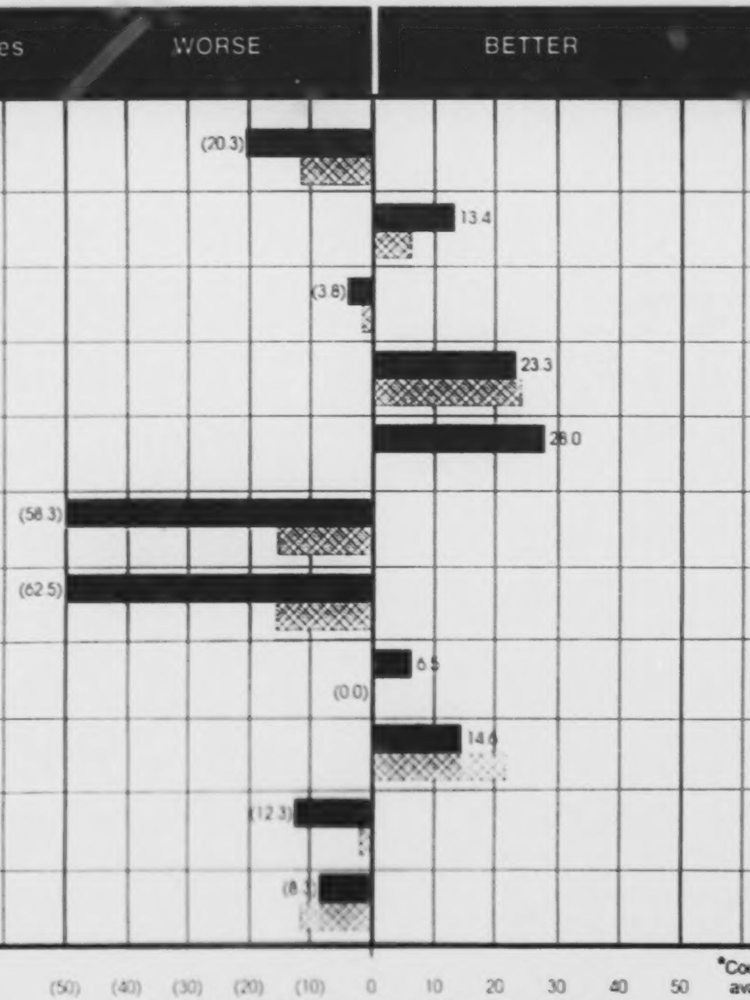


Clay County

Trend Data

▮ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 9



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	13.8	16.6	33.3	3
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 1990/1993	14.2	12.3	20.2	14
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991*	5.3	5.5	6.9	40
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991*	9.0	6.9	7.8	33
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991*	31.8	22.9	33.5	34
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	4.8	7.6	13.7	14
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	1.6	2.6	4.5	30
High school completion rate 1991/1993	72.2	77.0	76.9	79
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	8.2	7.0	10.7	23
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	41.5	46.6	53.5	68
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991*	82.4	89.2	80.5	62

*Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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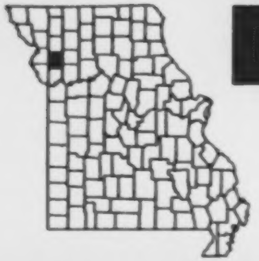
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	39,502	42,216	6.9
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	25.7	25.8	0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	4.9	3.9	-20.4
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	6.0	7.2	20.0
Percent childrenin one parent families	1980 1990	12.7	15.6	22.8
Median household income	1989 1993	$37,896	$37,781	-0.3
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	43,778	47,385	8.2
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	4.5	4.5	0.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	51.7	50.4	-2.5
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	52.9	69.3	31.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	69.4	81.0	16.7
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	31.4	34.9	11.1
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	22.1	20.7	-6.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	3.1	5.3	71.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	11.6	15.2	31.0

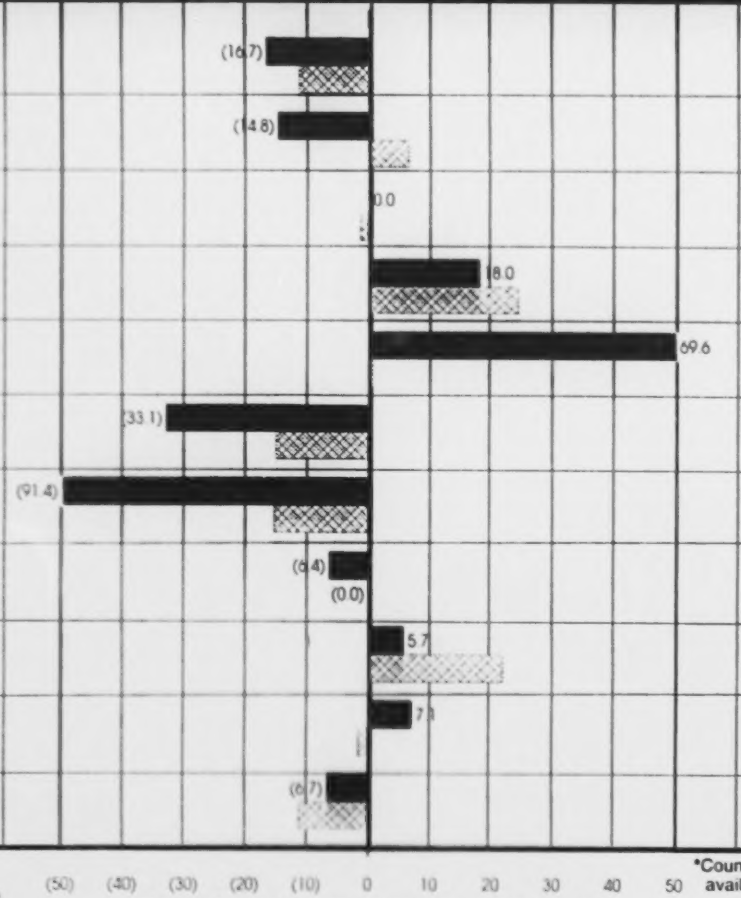


Clinton County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank | **43**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	22.1	25.8	33.3	16
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	15.5	17.8	20.2	40
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*ª	6.9	6.9	6.9	90
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*ª	10.0	8.2	7.8	50
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*ª	73.3	22.3	33.5	32
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	13.9	18.5	13.7	93
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.5	6.7	4.5	87
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	91.6	85.8	76.9	30
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	8.7	8.2	10.7	40
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	46.5	43.2	53.5	59
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*ª	162.7	173.6	80.5	103

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**4,618**	**4,836**	**4.7**
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	27.8	27.7	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	3.5	3.2	-8.6
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	7.9	15.2	92.4
Percent childrenin one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.5	13.1	37.9
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$29,184	$28,682	-1.7
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,651	2,741	3.4
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	6.5	5.5	-15.4
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	43.7	46.4	6.2
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	39.2	60.2	53.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	61.0	79.3	30.0
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	19.7	38.1	93.4
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	31.3	35.0	11.8
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	6.2	6.3	1.6
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	15.4	20.0	29.9

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Cole County

Trend Data

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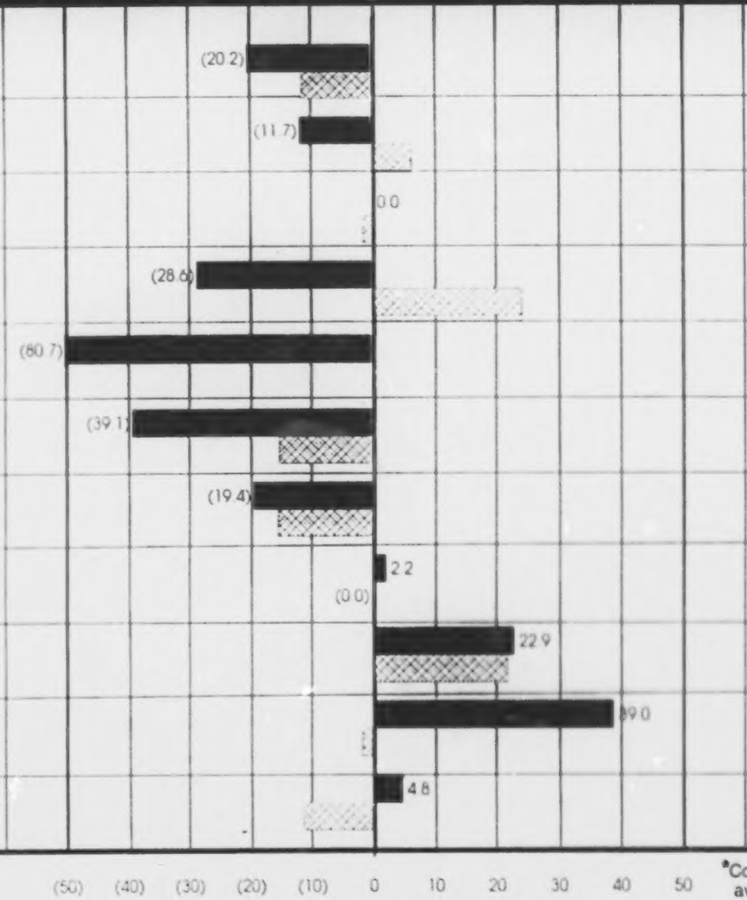
Composite County Rank 15



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	19.8	23.8	33.3	13
Percent birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	12.8	14.3	20.2	21
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991#*	5.4	5.4	6.9	31
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991#*	9.1	11.7	7.8	84
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991#*	19.7	35.6	33.5	58
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.9	9.6	13.7	31
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.6	4.3	4.5	60
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	74.8	76.5	76.9	83
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.8	9.1	10.7	62
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	54.4	33.2	53.5	35
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991#*	129.3	123.1	80.5	81

#Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	15,919	16,799	5.5
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	25.0	25.0	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	5.5	5.3	-3.6
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	5.6	9.3	66.1
Percent childrenin one parent families	*1980* *1990*	12.1	15.2	25.6
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$33,544	$33,834	0.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	20,044	21,578	7.7
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	3.8	4.6	21.1
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	44.4	45.3	2.0
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	67.1	79.4	18.3
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	76.2	86.2	13.1
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	54.2	68.5	26.4
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	19.7	22.3	13.2
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	4.5	6.3	40.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	13.3	16.8	26.3

Cooper County

Composite County Rank **14**

Trend Data

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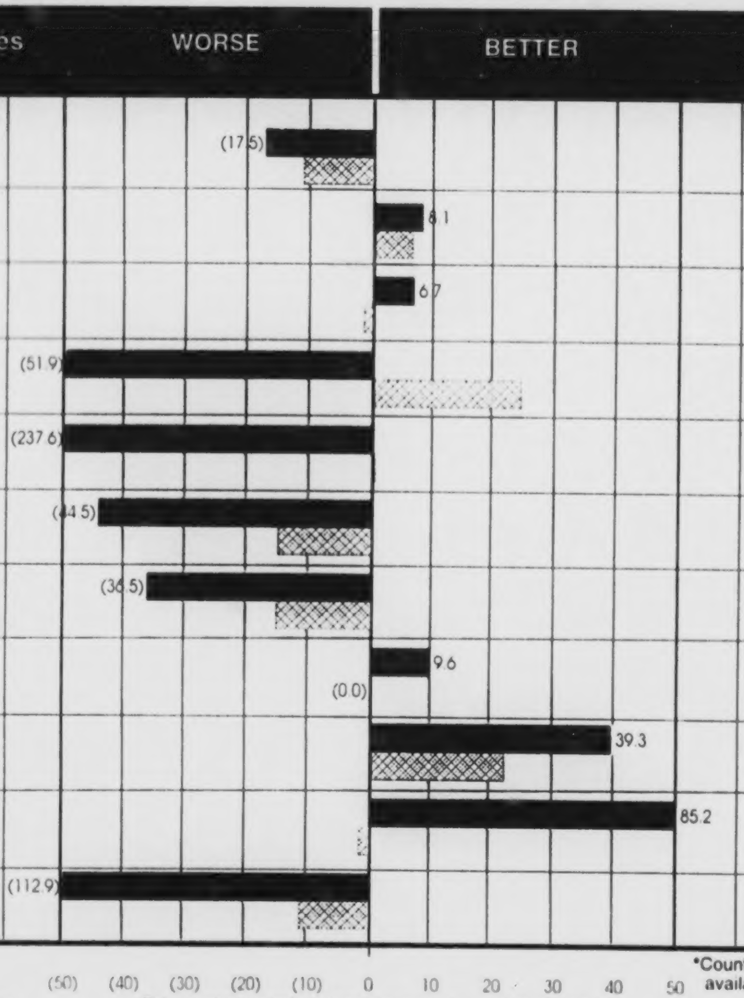

Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	28.0	32.9	33.3	41
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	19.8	18.2	20.2	41
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.0	5.6	6.9	41
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	8.1	12.3	7.8	93
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	21.0	70.9	33.5	110
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	11.9	17.2	13.7	82
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	5.2	7.1	4.5	91
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	82.0	89.9	76.9	13
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.7	7.1	10.7	25
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	70.3	10.4	53.5	4
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	14.7	31.3	80.5	14

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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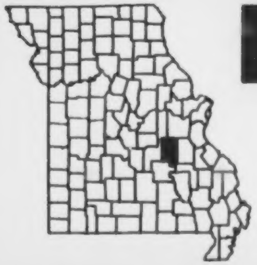
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	3,621	3,741	3.3
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	24.4	24.4	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	7.6	7.5	-1.3
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	11.7	16.6	41.9
Percent childrenin one parent families	1980 1990	9.9	14.3	44.4
Median household income	1989 1993	$25,127	$24,873	-1.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	2,838	3,173	11.8
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	6.1	6.3	3.3
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	46.7	40.2	-13.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	58.0	73.2	26.2
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	73.2	84.3	15.2
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	22.8	44.3	94.3
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	21.5	44.7	107.9
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	5.9	7.6	28.8
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	20.0	23.5	17.5



Crawford County

Trend Data

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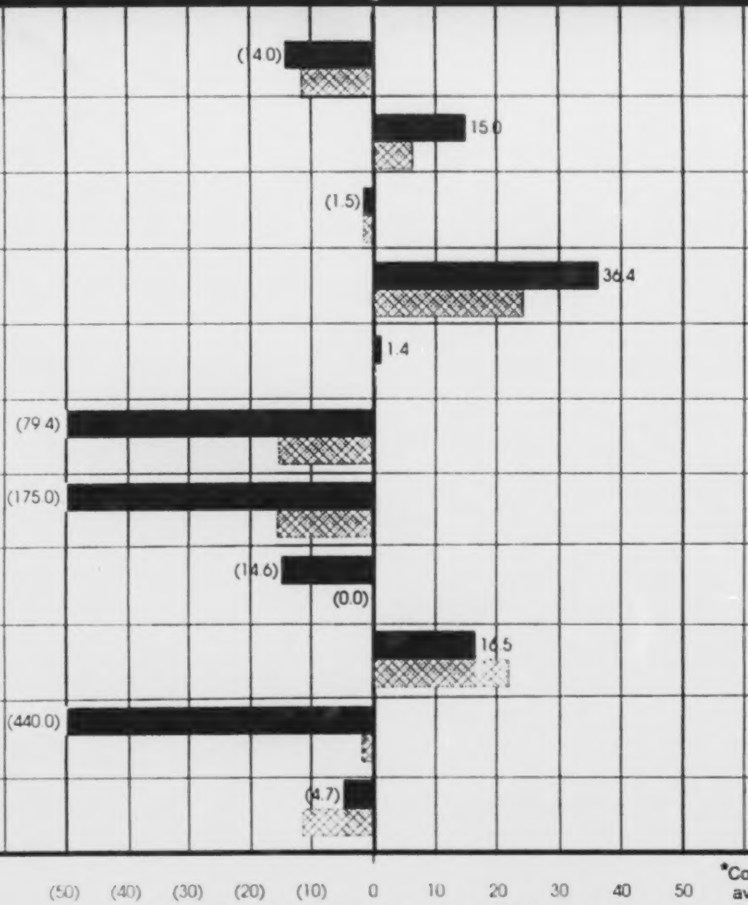
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 75



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	32.2	36.7	33.3	63
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 1990/1993	36.1	30.7	20.2	97
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991ª	6.8	6.9	6.9	90
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991ª	8.8	5.6	7.8	19
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991ª	35.3	34.8	33.5	57
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	6.8	12.2	13.7	53
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	1.6	4.4	4.5	62
High school completion rate 1991/1993	83.3	71.1	76.9	103
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	12.1	10.1	10.7	75
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	9.0	48.6	53.5	73
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991ª	114.4	119.8	80.5	79

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	5,160	5,480	6.2
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	26.9	26.8	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.5	0.4	-20.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	21.0	18.8	-10.5
Percent childrenin one parent families	1980 1990	10.3	14.8	43.7
Median household income	1989 1993	$22,022	$21,409	-2.8
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	2,685	3,083	14.8
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	8.2	9.6	17.1
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	41.1	36.8	-10.5
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	48.7	58.3	19.7
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	58.6	72.6	23.9
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	128.9	23.4	-81.8
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	48.3	42.9	-11.2
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	10.6	13.5	27.4
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	31.5	37.0	17.5

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Dade County

Trend Data

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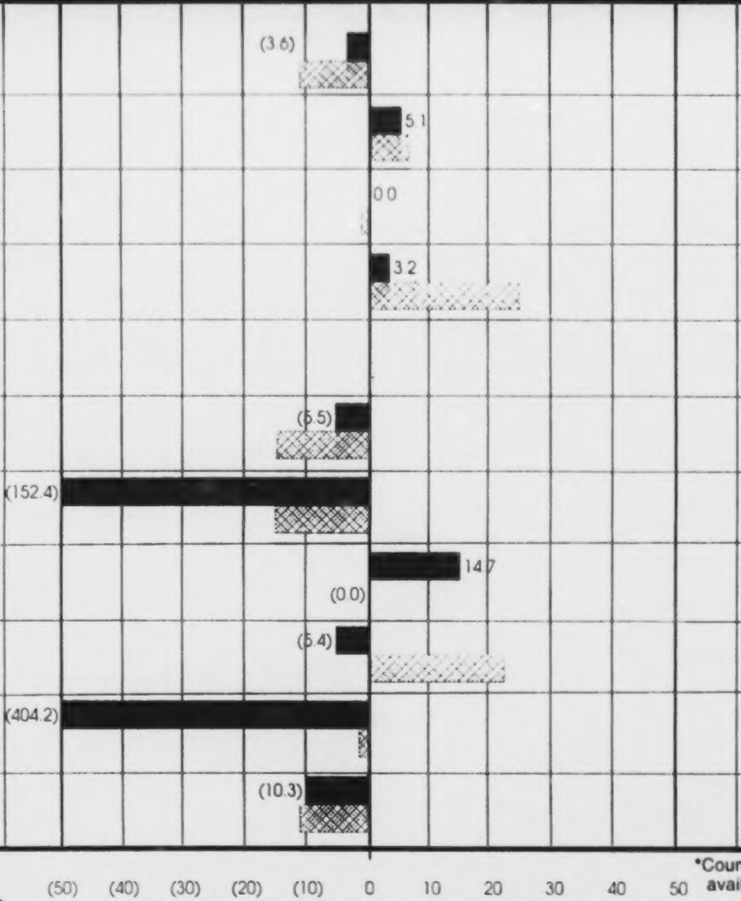
Composite County Rank 35



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	44.4	46.0	33.3	95
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	17.6	16.7	20.2	32
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*ª	5.6	5.6	6.9	41
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*ª	6.2	6.0	7.8	23
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*ª	0.0	69.3	33.5	108
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	18.1	19.1	13.7	96
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.1	5.3	4.5	73
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	78.3	89.8	76.9	14
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	7.4	7.8	10.7	34
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	4.8	24.2	53.5	15
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*ª	39.9	44.0	80.5	22

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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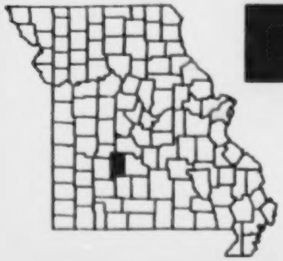
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	1,883	1,925	2.2
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	25.3	25.1	-0.8
Percent minority children	1990 1993	2.3	2.1	-8.7
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	15.7	21.3	35.7
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	8.1	12.2	50.6
Median household income	1989 1993	$21,117	$20,637	-2.3
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,081	954	-11.7
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	4.8	6.6	37.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	47.1	40.7	-13.6
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	52.1	65.4	25.5
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	59.9	79.5	32.7
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	15.0	12.6	-16.0
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	26.6	54.8	106.0
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	6.8	9.4	38.2
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	21.3	31.0	45.5



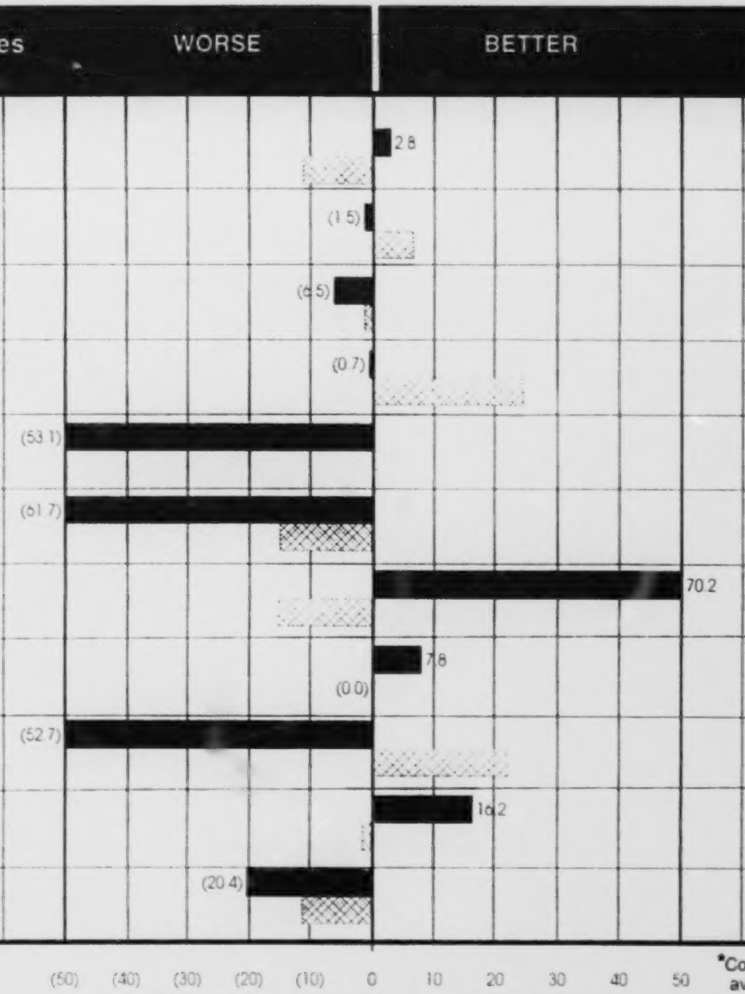
Dallas County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county

▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 45



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	35.9	34.9	33.3	50
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	32.8	33.3	20.2	103
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.2	6.6	6.9	76
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	14.5	14.6	7.8	104
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	39.7	60.8	33.5	105
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.7	7.6	13.7	14
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.7	1.4	4.5	10
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	76.5	82.4	76.9	50
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	7.4	11.3	10.7	91
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	32.1	26.9	53.5	21
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	132.0	158.9	80.5	98

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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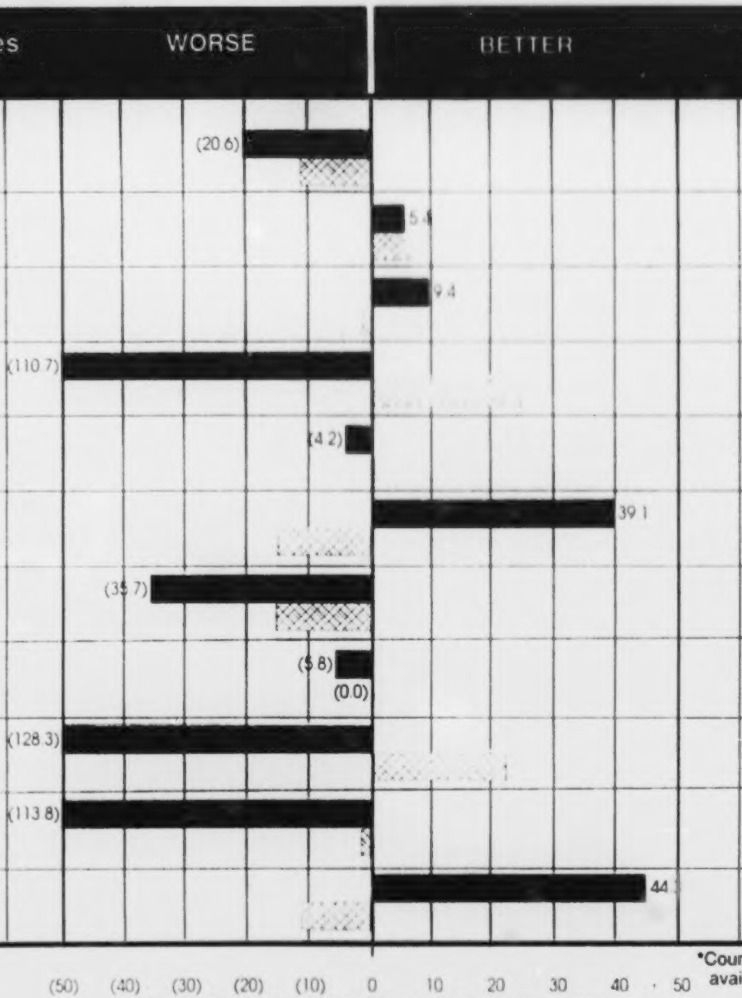
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	3,397	3,645	7.3
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	26.9	26.7	-0.7
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.4	1.3	-7.1
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	20.3	29.0	42.9
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	9.9	13.9	40.4
Median household income	1989 1993	$18,371	$18,600	1.2
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,900	2,012	5.9
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	10.5	8.6	-18.1
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	37.9	42.5	12.1
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	41.3	56.6	37.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	53.4	64.4	20.6
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	17.4	30.8	77.0
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	15.1	27.7	83.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	7.8	9.9	26.9
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	28.3	33.2	17.3

Daviess County

Composite County Rank **93**

Trend Data

█ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	42.2	50.9	33.3	101
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	42.3	40.0	20.2	111
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.4	5.8	6.9	47
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	8.4	17.7	7.8	112
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	35.5	37.0	33.5	62
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	15.6	9.5	13.7	30
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.8	3.8	4.5	45
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	92.2	86.8	76.9	26
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	4.6	10.5	10.7	80
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	18.1	38.7	53.5	42
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	64.5	35.9	80.5	16

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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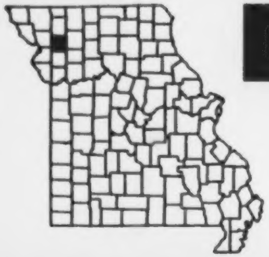
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	**2,118**	**2,103**	-0.7
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	26.9	26.9	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.1	1.0	-9.1
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	23.5	32.7	39.1
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	7.1	8.6	21.1
Median household income	1989 1993	$20,485	$19,814	-3.3
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,120	714	-36.3
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	5.6	8.2	46.4
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	41.9	39.8	-5.0
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	37.5	58.3	55.5
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	57.5	67.8	17.9
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	2.9	11.8	306.9
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	10.8	14.5	34.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	6.2	7.5	21.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	20.8	27.3	31.3



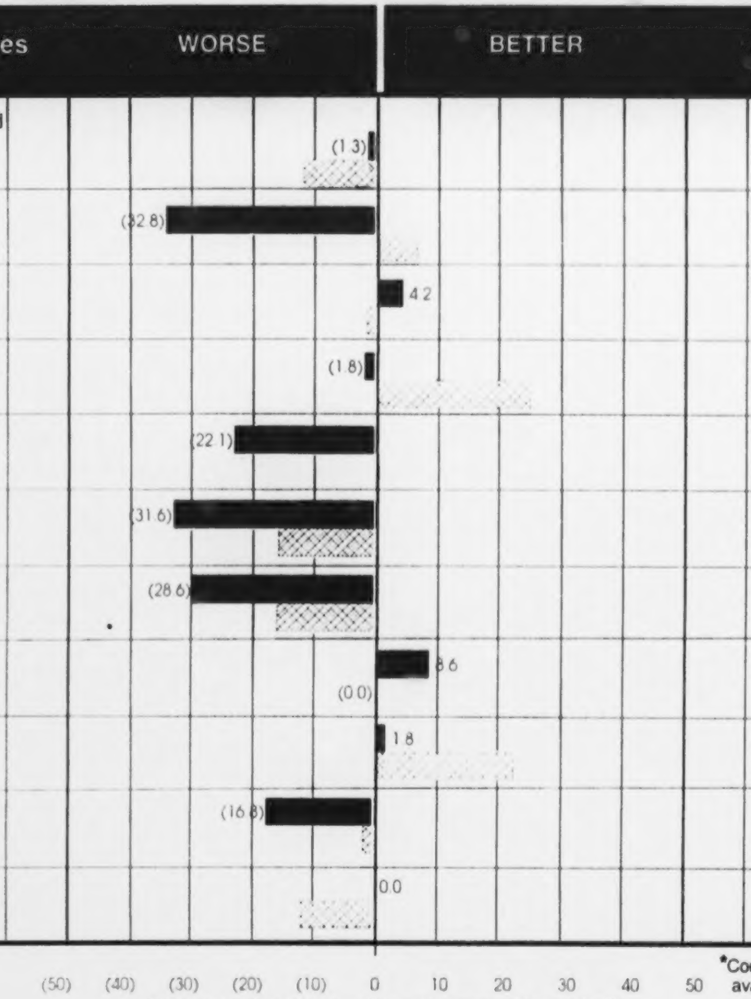
De Kalb County

Trend Data

▬ Percent change in county

▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 24



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	38.5	39.0	33.3	75
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	13.7	18.2	20.2	42
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	4.8	4.6	6.9	10
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	5.6	5.7	7.8	20
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	39.4	48.1	33.5	94
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.8	5.0	13.7	3
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	1.4	1.8	4.5	22
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	87.7	95.2	76.9	7
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.1	10.9	10.7	83
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	27.9	32.6	53.5	33
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	0.0	0.0	80.5	1

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	2,123	2,151	1.3
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	21.3	21.3	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.0	0.7	-30.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	18.4	16.5	-10.3
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	10.6	11.0	3.8
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$25,261	$25,307	0.2
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	1,364	1,526	11.9
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	5.3	6.1	15.1
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	36.0	45.9	27.5
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	46.7	66.0	41.3
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	65.0	77.3	18.9
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	5.2	11.6	123.1
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	93.0	84.8	-8.8
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	5.5	6.9	25.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	19.5	25.6	31.3

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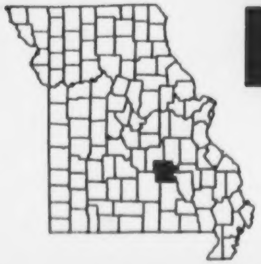
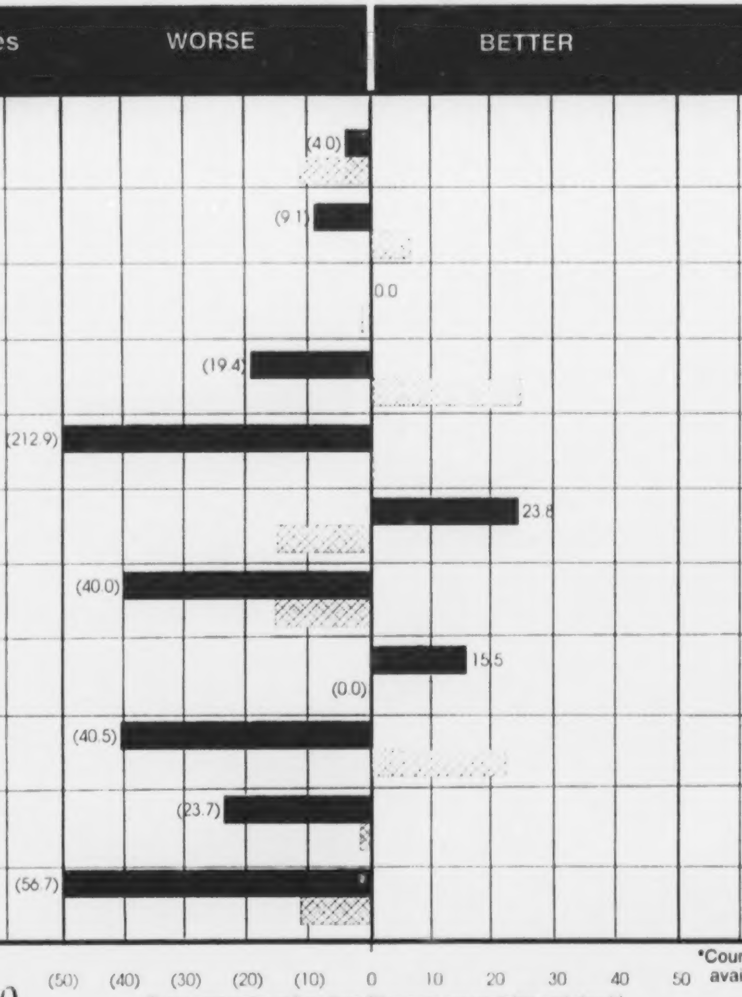


Dent County

Trend Data

▬ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 70



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	37.4	38.9	33.3	74
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	31.7	34.6	20.2	106
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.8	6.8	6.9	84
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	6.7	8.0	7.8	47
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	14.0	43.8	33.5	86
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	10.5	8.0	13.7	18
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.0	4.2	4.5	55
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	67.3	77.7	76.9	70
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	7.9	11.1	10.7	87
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	33.3	41.2	53.5	52
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	130.5	204.5	80.5	110

[a]Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	3,611	3,653	1.2
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.4	26.3	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.3	1.1	-15.4
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	22.5	34.4	52.9
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.9	14.9	50.5
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$18,267	$18,758	2.7
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,241	2,252	0.5
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	6.7	8.4	25.4
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	37.6	35.9	-4.5
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	44.7	52.3	17.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	51.6	70.7	37.0
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	12.7	10.3	-18.9
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	35.9	36.4	1.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	12.5	14.5	16.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	32.1	36.4	13.4

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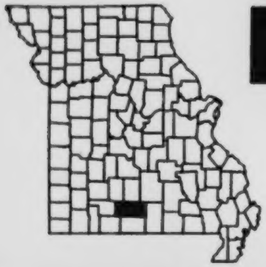

Douglas County

Trend Data

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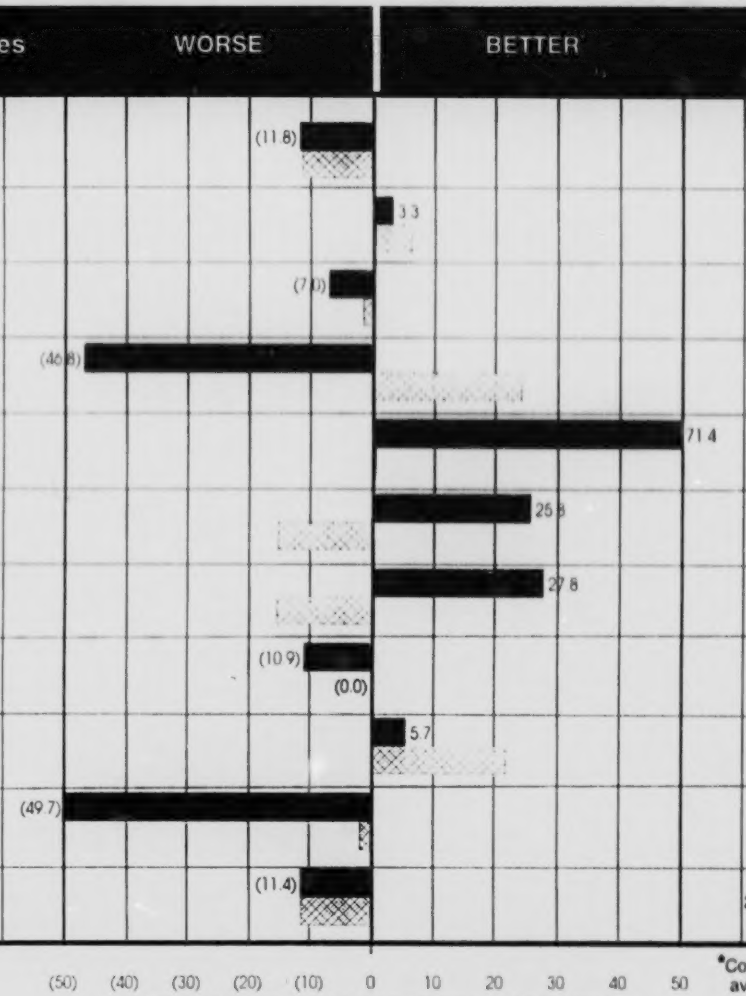
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 63



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	44.2	49.4	33.3	98
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	30.2	29.2	20.2	94
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*ª	7.1	7.6	6.9	104
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*ª	6.2	9.1	7.8	62
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*ª	56.9	16.3	33.5	15
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	13.2	9.8	13.7	35
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	7.9	5.7	4.5	78
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	82.5	73.5	76.9	97
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.6	10.0	10.7	74
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	17.9	26.8	53.5	20
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*ª	223.5	249.0	80.5	113

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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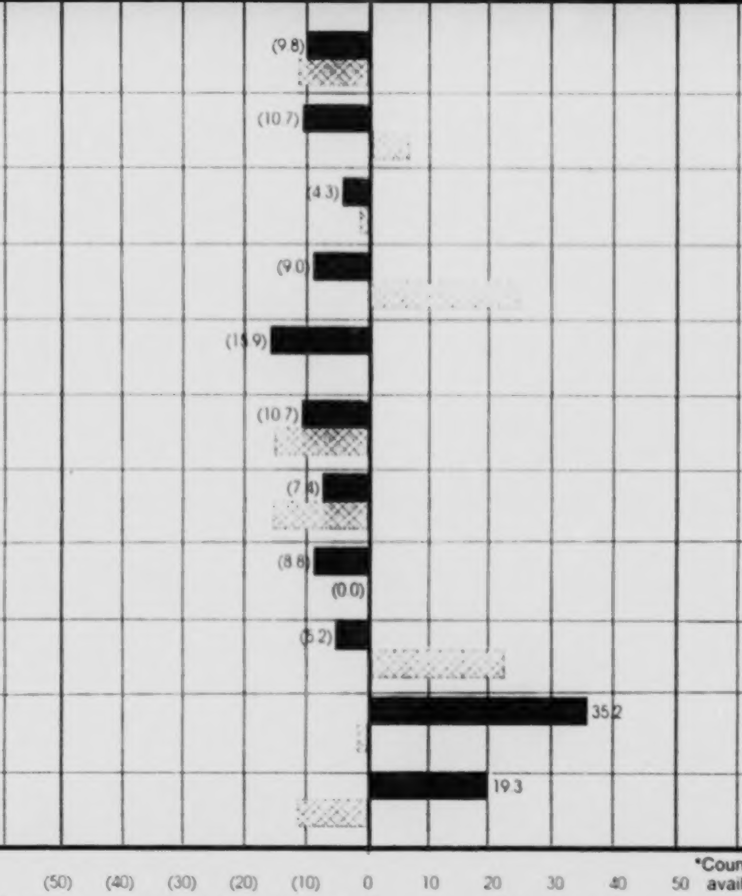
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	3,178	3,207	0.9
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.8	26.7	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.0	0.9	-10.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	26.2	31.2	19.1
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.3	12.9	38.7
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$17,655	$18,764	6.3
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	1,440	1,352	-6.1
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	8.0	6.2	-22.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	40.6	43.4	6.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	54.4	52.7	-3.1
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	64.3	74.0	15.1
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	9.9	4.0	-59.6
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	41.4	45.5	9.9
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	9.4	11.1	18.1
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	31.0	32.9	6.1

Dunklin County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **112**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	47.9	52.6	33.3	102
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 1990/1993	37.4	41.4	20.2	113
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991ª	7.0	7.3	6.9	101
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991ª	11.1	12.1	7.8	89
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991ª	36.5	42.3	33.5	84
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	29.8	33.0	13.7	112
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	5.4	5.8	4.5	81
High school completion rate 1991/1993	80.0	73.0	76.9	98
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	17.2	18.1	10.7	112
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	124.8	80.9	53.5	111
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991ª	80.3	64.8	80.5	40

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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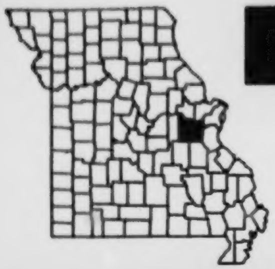
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	8,745	8,811	0.8
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	26.4	26.4	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	14.7	14.5	-1.4
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	28.0	39.8	42.1
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	18.9	24.6	30.2
Median household income	1989 1993	$17,021	$17,465	2.6
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	6,572	6,853	4.3
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	8.7	9.7	11.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	40.6	33.4	-17.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	48.4	50.8	5.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	61.5	67.4	9.6
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	19.5	33.8	73.3
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	50.0	56.8	13.6
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	26.3	29.2	11.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	54.2	60.0	10.7



Franklin County

Trend Data

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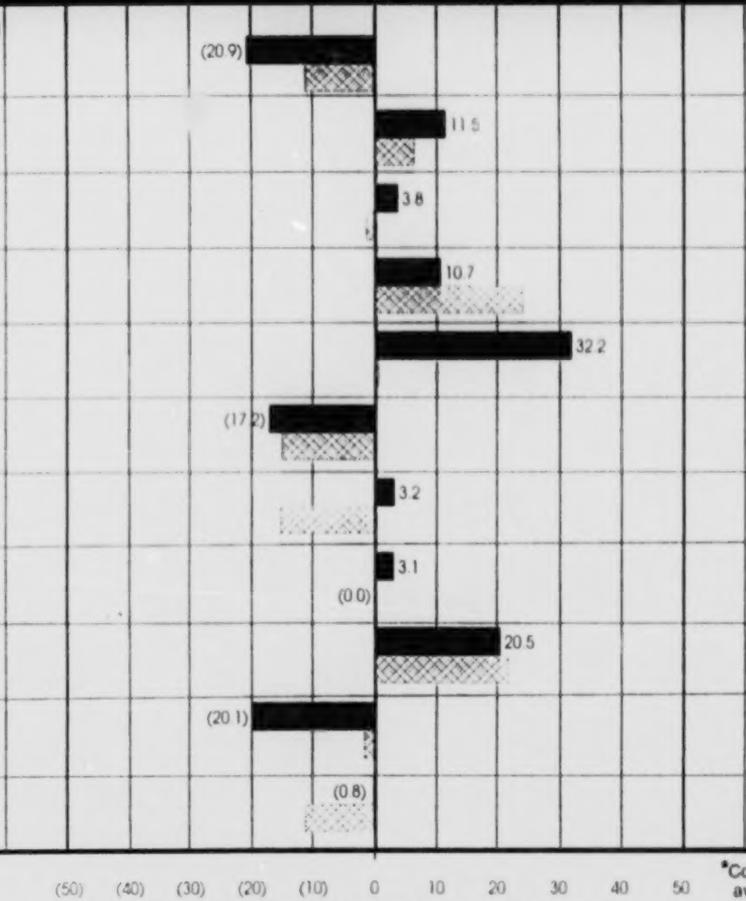
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 38



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	19.6	23.7	33.3	12
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 1990/1993	24.3	21.5	20.2	59
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991ª	5.3	5.1	6.9	25
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991ª	8.4	7.5	7.8	42
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991ª	42.9	29.1	33.5	42
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	8.7	10.2	13.7	40
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	3.1	3.0	4.5	32
High school completion rate 1991/1993	77.4	79.9	76.9	63
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	11.2	8.9	10.7	56
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	44.3	53.2	53.5	81
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991ª	153.3	154.5	80.5	95

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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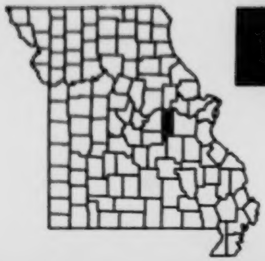
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	23,000	24,539	6.7
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	28.5	28.6	0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.8	1.6	-11.1
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	9.9	10.3	4.0
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	9.5	13.6	43.2
Median household income	1989 1993	$31,634	$31,161	-1.5
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	16,240	16,788	3.4
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	9.6	7.3	-24.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	45.4	42.1	-7.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	50.9	68.8	35.2
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	61.2	74.1	21.1
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	17.0	26.2	54.1
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	22.6	27.3	20.8
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	5.0	6.8	36.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	17.1	21.0	22.8



Gasconade County

Trend Data

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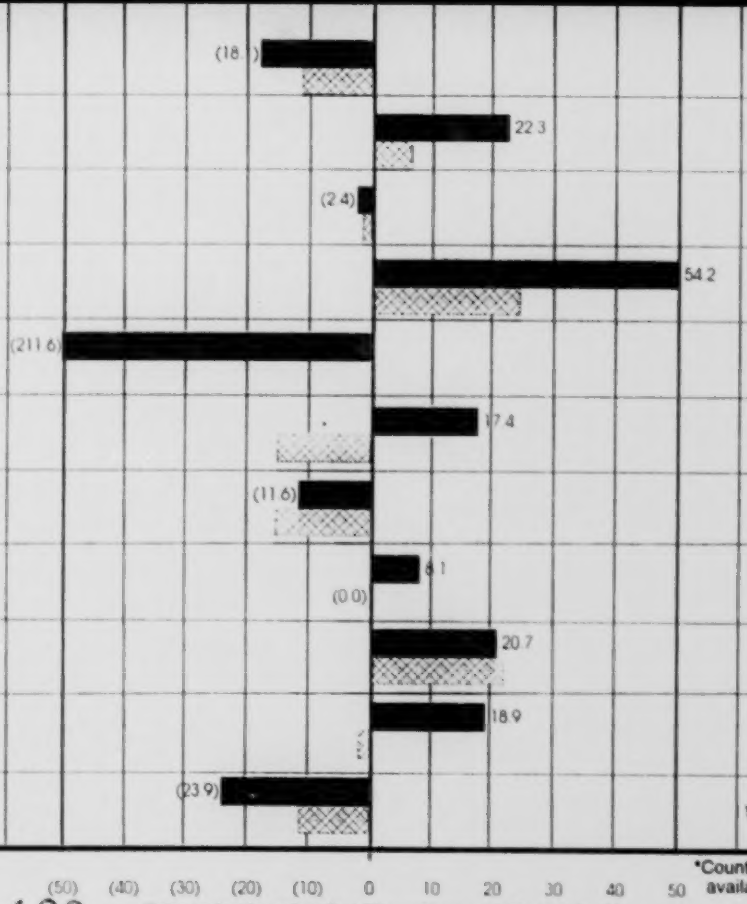

Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	17.7	20.9	33.3	6
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	18.4	14.3	20.2	20
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	4.2	4.3	6.9	7
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	14.4	6.6	7.8	32
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	31.0	96.6	33.5	115
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	19.5	16.1	13.7	77
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.3	4.8	4.5	70
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	79.0	85.4	76.9	33
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	8.2	6.5	10.7	19
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	5.3	4.3	53.5	1
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	174.7	216.5	80.5	111

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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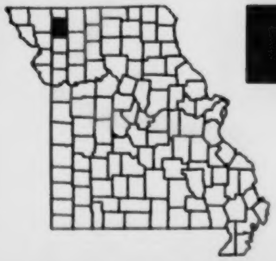
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**3,488**	**3,586**	**2.8**
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	24.9	24.8	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	0.5	0.4	-20.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	13.4	12.3	-8.2
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.2	12.9	40.2
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$24,767	$24,958	0.8
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,709	2,930	8.2
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	7.3	9.7	32.9
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	48.2	41.3	-14.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	53.9	74.2	37.7
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	63.9	80.9	26.6
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	41.2	46.3	12.4
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	22.0	29.8	35.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	4.3	6.0	39.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	16.0	19.9	24.4



Gentry County

Trend Data

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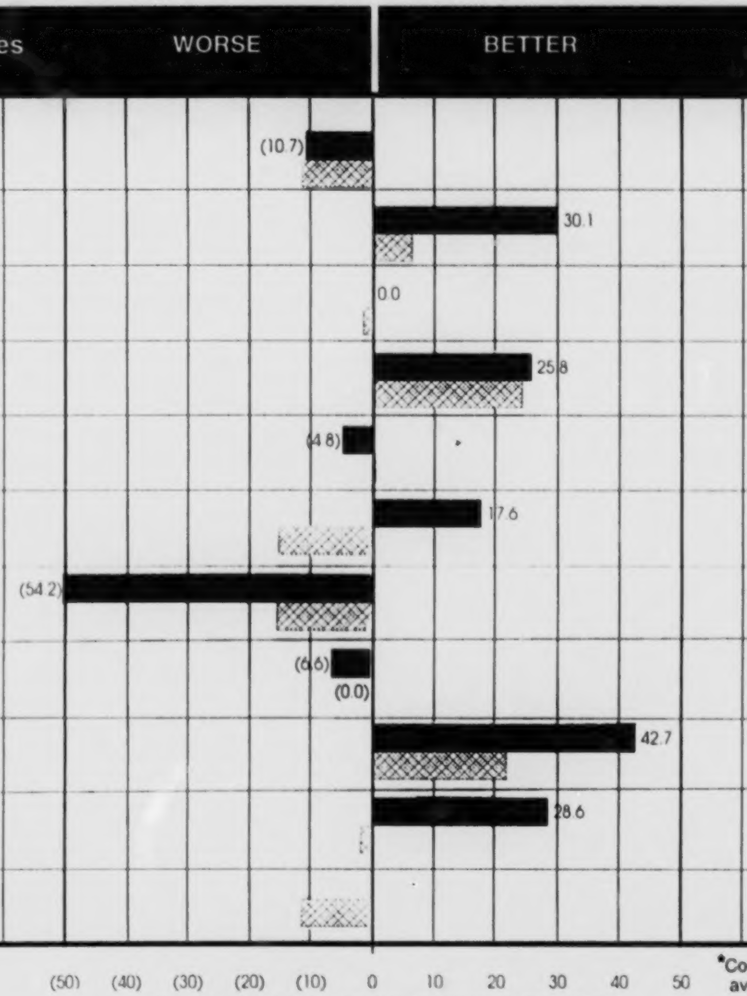
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 28



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	31.8	35.2	33.3	52
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	16.3	11.4	20.2	10
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	4.6	4.6	6.9	10
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	6.6	4.9	7.8	10
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	28.9	30.3	33.5	43
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	11.9	9.8	13.7	35
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.4	3.7	4.5	43
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	94.7	88.5	76.9	21
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	7.5	4.3	10.7	5
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	70.6	50.4	53.5	77
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	0.0	50.1	80.5	25

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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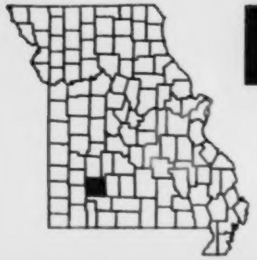
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	1,687	1,651	-2.1
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	24.6	24.5	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.0	0.8	-20.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	18.0	25.7	42.8
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	6.6	13.6	106.1
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$19,439	$20,136	3.6
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	1,368	1,477	8.0
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	4.6	4.3	-6.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	43.2	37.3	-13.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	56.2	62.6	11.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	67.5	77.7	15.1
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	31.6	34.8	10.1
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	57.5	71.9	25.0
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	3.6	2.9	-19.4
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	22.4	21.2	-5.4

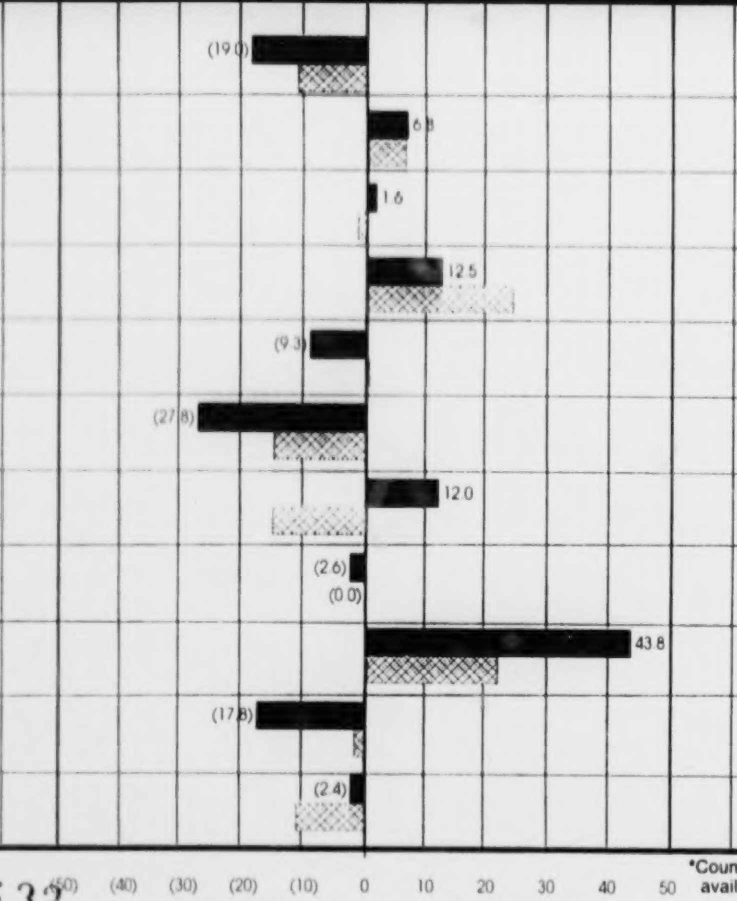


Greene County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 50



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	24.2	28.8	33.3	23
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	17.7	16.5	20.2	31
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*ª	6.3	6.2	6.9	59
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*ª	9.6	8.4	7.8	53
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*ª	28.9	31.6	33.5	47
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	12.6	16.1	13.7	77
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	5.0	4.4	4.5	62
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	78.2	76.2	76.9	85
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	14.6	8.2	10.7	40
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	42.6	50.2	53.5	75
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*ª	50.6	51.8	80.5	26

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	47,640	50,774	6.6
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	22.9	23.1	0.9
Percent minority children	1990 1993	4.4	4.0	-9.1
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	14.0	15.7	12.1
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	14.6	18.2	24.7
Median household income	1989 1993	$26,803	$27,015	0.8
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	80,532	85,849	6.6
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	4.3	5.0	16.3
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	43.4	42.3	-2.5
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	45.8	61.7	34.7
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	62.6	78.3	25.1
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	38.2	57.2	49.7
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	19.2	31.6	64.6
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	7.4	8.6	16.2
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	22.1	26.4	19.5

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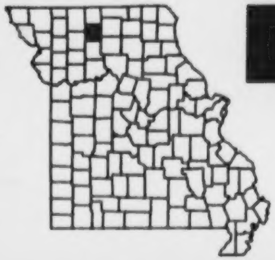
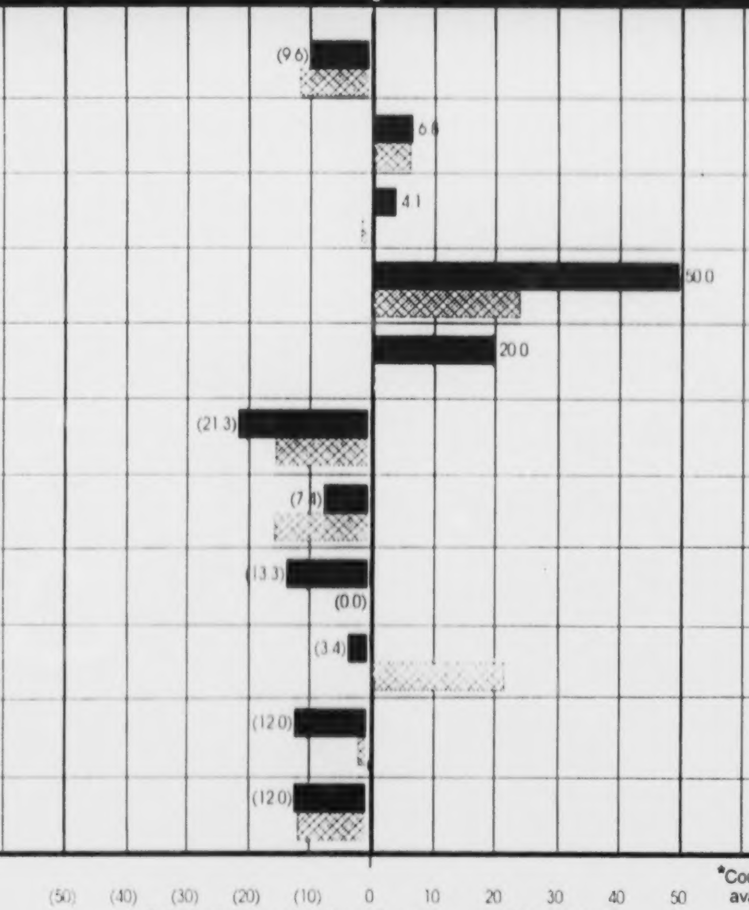


Grundy County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 68



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	33.2	36.4	33.3	60
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	20.7	19.3	20.2	46
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	4.9	4.7	6.9	15
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	13.0	6.5	7.8	30
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	39.5	31.6	33.5	48
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	8.0	9.7	13.7	33
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.8	7.3	4.5	93
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	89.7	77.8	76.9	69
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	8.9	9.2	10.7	63
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	51.6	57.8	53.5	92
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	49.2	55.1	80.5	29

[a]Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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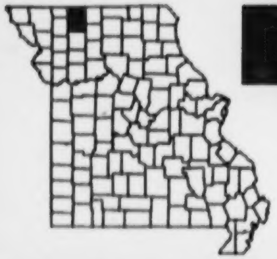
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	2,499	2,485	-0.6
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	23.7	23.6	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.1	1.0	-9.1
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	19.8	24.8	25.3
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.7	15.1	55.7
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$19,904	$20,307	2.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,185	2,251	3.0
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	5.7	6.5	14.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	43.6	40.6	-6.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	51.9	50.7	-2.3
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	64.5	81.6	26.5
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	20.2	40.5	100.5
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	29.2	41.3	41.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	8.6	9.9	15.1
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	27.0	28.9	7.0

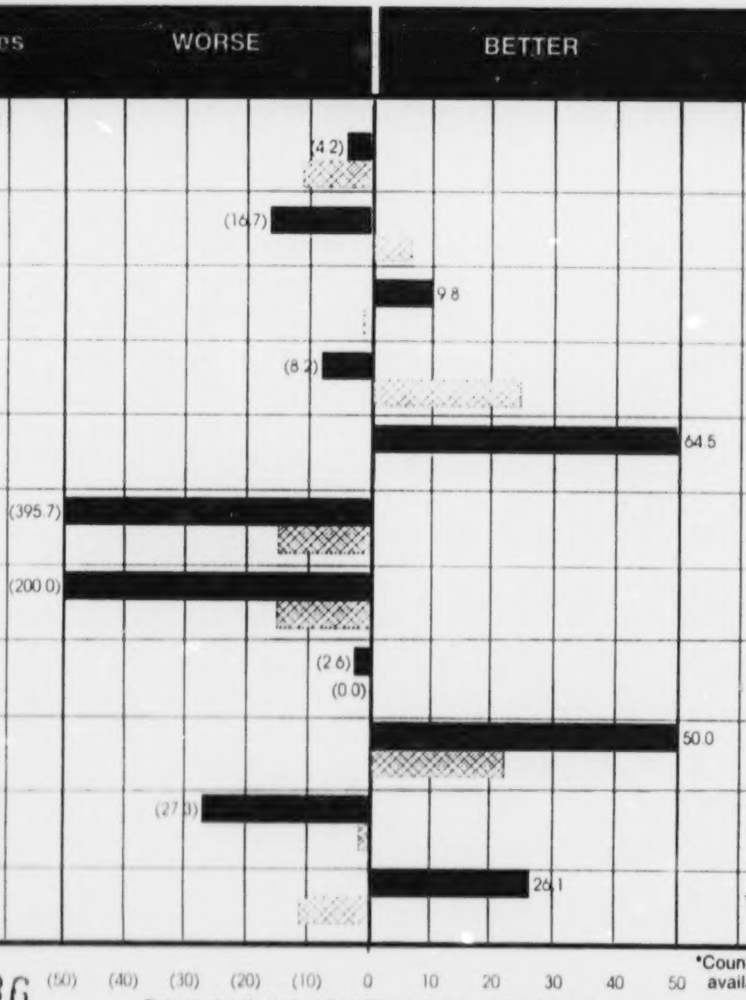


Harrison County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 42



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	43.0	44.8	33.3	88
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	13.8	16.1	20.2	29
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991ª*	6.1	5.5	6.9	40
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991ª*	9.8	10.6	7.8	78
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991ª*	37.5	13.3	33.5	9
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.7	23.3	13.7	105
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	1.6	4.8	4.5	70
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	92.1	89.7	76.9	16
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	9.2	4.6	10.7	9
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	19.4	24.7	53.5	16
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991ª*	164.8	121.8	80.5	80

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	1,935	1,909	-1.3
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	22.8	22.8	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.2	1.0	-16.7
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	19.9	24.1	21.1
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	10.3	13.1	27.2
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$19,173	$19,740	3.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,153	2,125	-1.3
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	4.5	5.4	20.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	39.5	40.0	1.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	48.3	72.9	50.9
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	55.5	72.5	30.6
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	4.6	13.9	202.2
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	67.1	72.3	7.7
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	8.3	9.5	14.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	27.6	30.7	11.2

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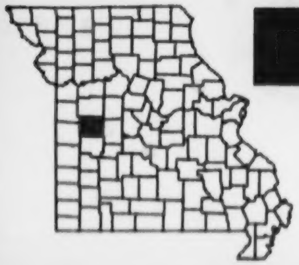

Henry County

Trend Data

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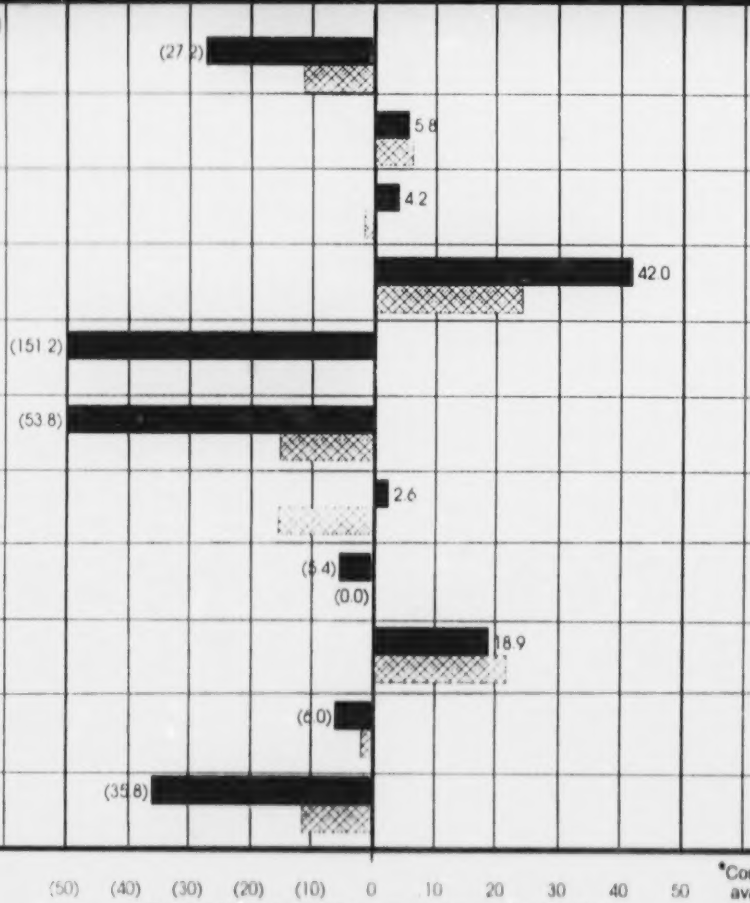
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 87



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	28.7	36.5	33.3	61
Percent birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	25.8	24.3	20.2	71
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991[a]*	7.2	6.9	6.9	90
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991[a]*	14.3	8.3	7.8	52
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991[a]*	21.3	53.5	33.5	99
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	13.0	20.0	13.7	98
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.9	3.8	4.5	45
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	79.6	75.3	76.9	91
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.1	9.0	10.7	60
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	54.7	58.0	53.5	94
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991[a]*	97.8	132.8	80.5	86

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	4,918	5,036	2.4
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	24.5	24.4	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	2.7	2.5	-7.4
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	14.4	25.9	79.9
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	11.2	16.6	48.2
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$20,441	$20,309	-0.6
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	4,240	4,224	-0.4
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	8.2	8.1	-1.2
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	42.8	40.9	-4.4
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	51.6	64.6	25.2
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	61.3	73.6	20.1
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	17.3	27.2	57.2
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	34.2	36.0	5.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	9.8	10.9	11.2
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	30.9	34.6	12.0

HickoryCounty

Trend Data

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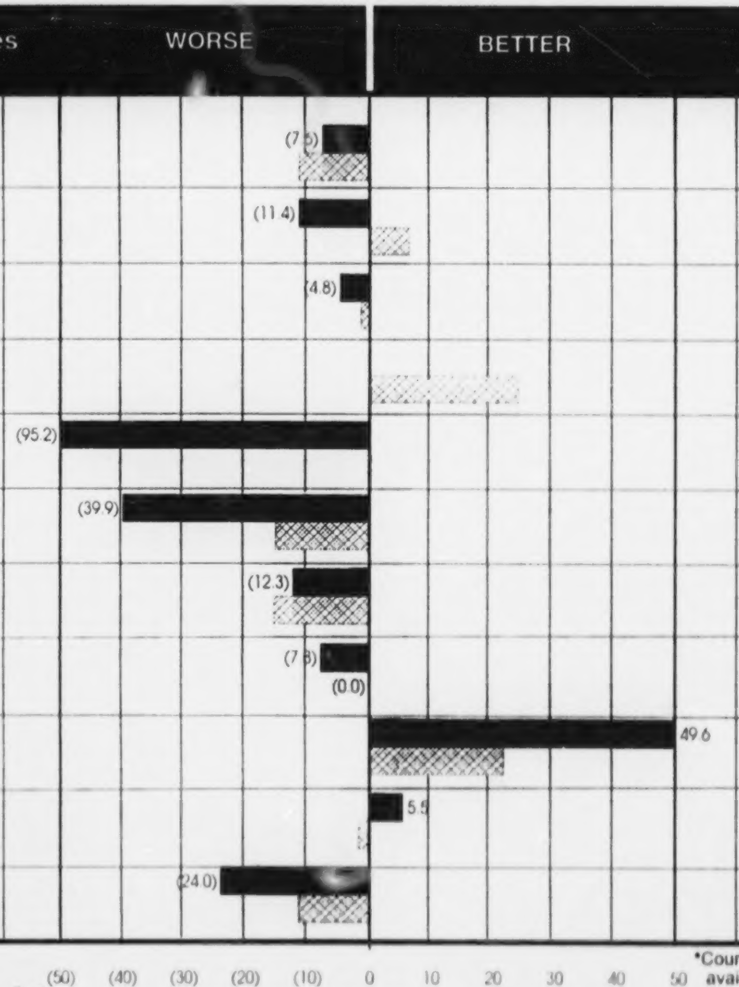
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 49



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	48.9	52.6	33.3	102
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	16.7	18.6	20.2	44
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	4.2	4.4	6.9	8
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	0.0	8.7	7.8	61
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	18.9	36.9	33.5	61
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	19.8	27.7	13.7	109
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	10.6	11.9	4.5	107
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	91.5	84.4	76.9	39
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	13.9	7.0	10.7	23
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	7.3	6.9	53.5	3
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	244.3	302.9	80.5	114

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	1,412	1,519	7.6
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	19.3	19.2	-0.5
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.3	1.1	-15.4
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	36.0	29.9	-16.9
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.0	14.8	64.4
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$17,710	$18,226	2.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	784	858	9.4
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	6.3	8.7	38.1
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	42.2	40.6	-3.8
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	38.4	58.7	52.9
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	48.4	62.6	29.3
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	0.0	4.7	ERR
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	45.6	38.6	-15.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	10.8	17.7	63.9
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	39.4	46.6	18.3

Holt County

Trend Data

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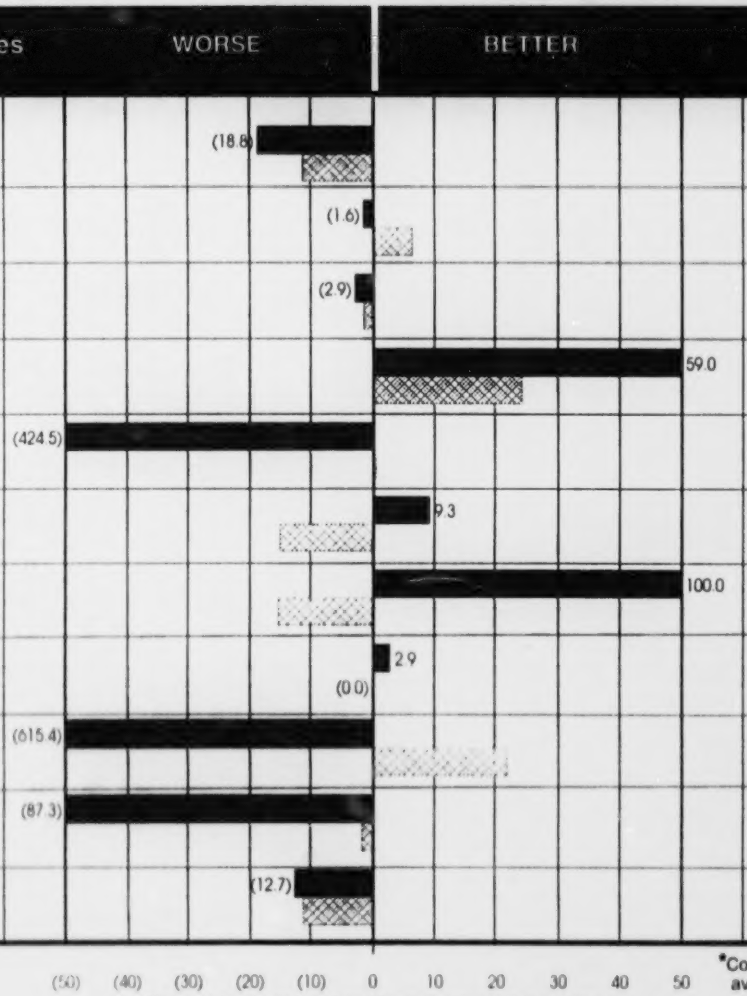
Composite County Rank 40



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	34.6	41.1	33.3	82
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	12.8	13.0	20.2	17
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*ª	6.8	7.0	6.9	97
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*ª	12.2	5.0	7.8	12
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*ª	16.3	85.5	33.5	114
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	9.7	8.8	13.7	24
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.5	0.0	4.5	1
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	93.3	96.0	76.9	3
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	1.3	9.3	10.7	66
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	26.8	50.2	53.5	75
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*ª	94.7	106.7	80.5	71

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	1,543	1,496	-3.0
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	25.6	25.4	-0.8
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.9	0.7	-22.2
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	16.6	22.6	36.1
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	9.1	10.9	19.8
Median household income	1989 1993	$20,754	$21,298	2.6
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,112	1,064	-4.3
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	6.0	6.0	0.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	38.8	44.6	14.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	28.6	71.4	149.7
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	52.0	74.1	42.5
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	12.2	15.3	25.4
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	76.6	68.7	-10.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	6.2	5.3	-14.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	22.2	23.0	3.6

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Howard County

Trend Data

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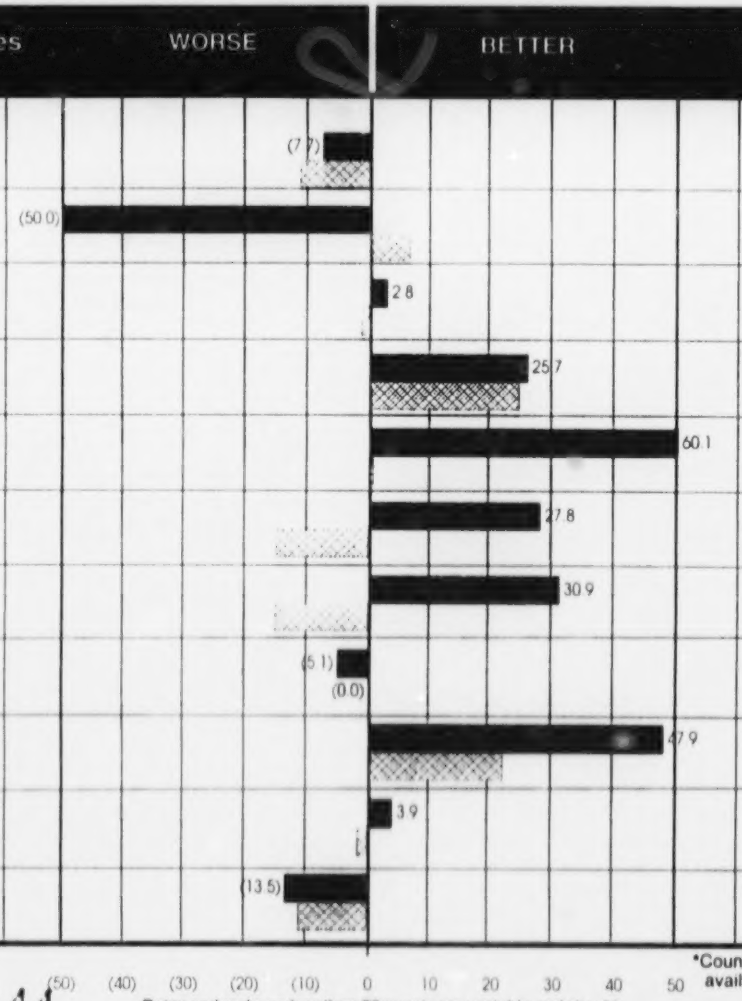
Composite County Rank 20



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	30.0	32.3	33.3	38
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	11.6	17.4	20.2	36
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991#*	7.1	6.9	6.9	90
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991#*	10.9	8.1	7.8	49
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991#*	54.6	21.8	33.5	29
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	15.1	10.9	13.7	43
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	5.5	3.8	4.5	45
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	85.9	81.5	76.9	54
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	14.0	7.3	10.7	30
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	30.5	29.3	53.5	23
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991#*	115.4	131.0	80.5	85

#Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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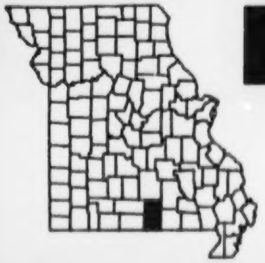
*County Rank is based on most recent available data, 1=**best**, 115=**worst**.

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	2,385	2,420	1.5
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	24.8	24.8	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	8.6	8.5	-1.2
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	14.4	17.6	22.2
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	13.1	15.3	16.8
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$23,611	$23,406	-0.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	1,680	1,673	-0.4
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	4.0	5.5	37.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	40.9	38.2	-6.6
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	52.0	70.9	36.3
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	72.6	85.8	18.2
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	22.6	39.5	74.8
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	32.0	31.7	-0.9
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	6.3	6.6	4.8
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	21.7	23.3	7.4

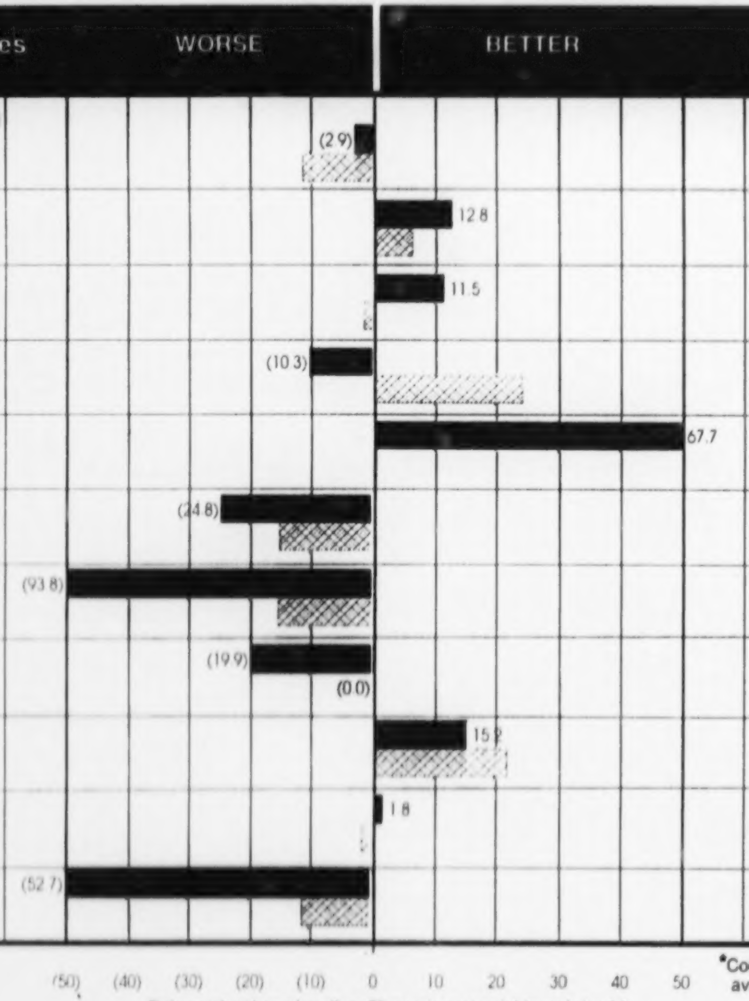


Howell County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank | **92**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	44.5	45.8	33.3	93
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	28.1	24.5	20.2	72
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.1	5.4	6.9	31
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	10.7	11.8	7.8	85
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	58.6	18.9	33.5	20
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	10.5	13.1	13.7	59
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.8	9.3	4.5	100
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	77.5	62.1	76.9	114
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.5	8.9	10.7	56
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	56.4	55.4	53.5	88
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	35.3	53.9	80.5	28

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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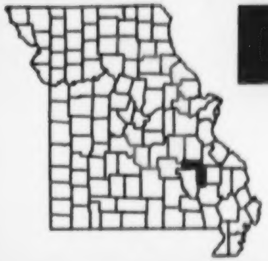
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**8,262**	**8,809**	**6.6**
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.3	26.2	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.5	1.3	-13.3
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	23.1	33.7	45.9
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	10.9	18.1	66.1
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$18,239	$19,137	4.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	7,664	8,347	8.9
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	6.8	7.1	4.4
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	42.2	41.3	-2.1
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	50.3	58.9	17.1
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	58.3	75.1	28.8
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	19.0	26.8	41.1
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	32.3	55.3	71.2
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	12.5	12.6	0.8
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	35.8	38.7	8.1



Iron County

Trend Data

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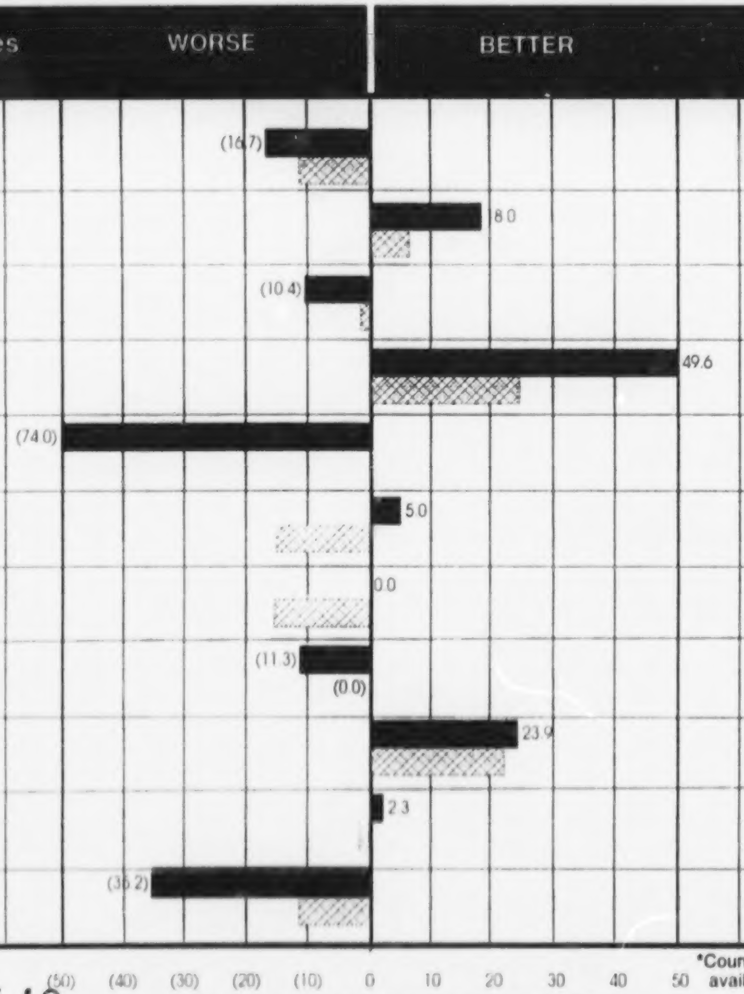
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 52



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	43.0	50.2	33.3	100
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	36.6	30.0	20.2	96
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.7	7.4	6.9	102
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	12.1	6.1	7.8	24
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	26.5	46.1	33.5	92
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	8.0	7.6	13.7	14
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	1.4	1.4	4.5	10
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	80.3	71.3	76.9	101
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	14.2	10.8	10.7	82
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	30.4	29.7	53.5	24
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	166.9	225.7	80.5	112

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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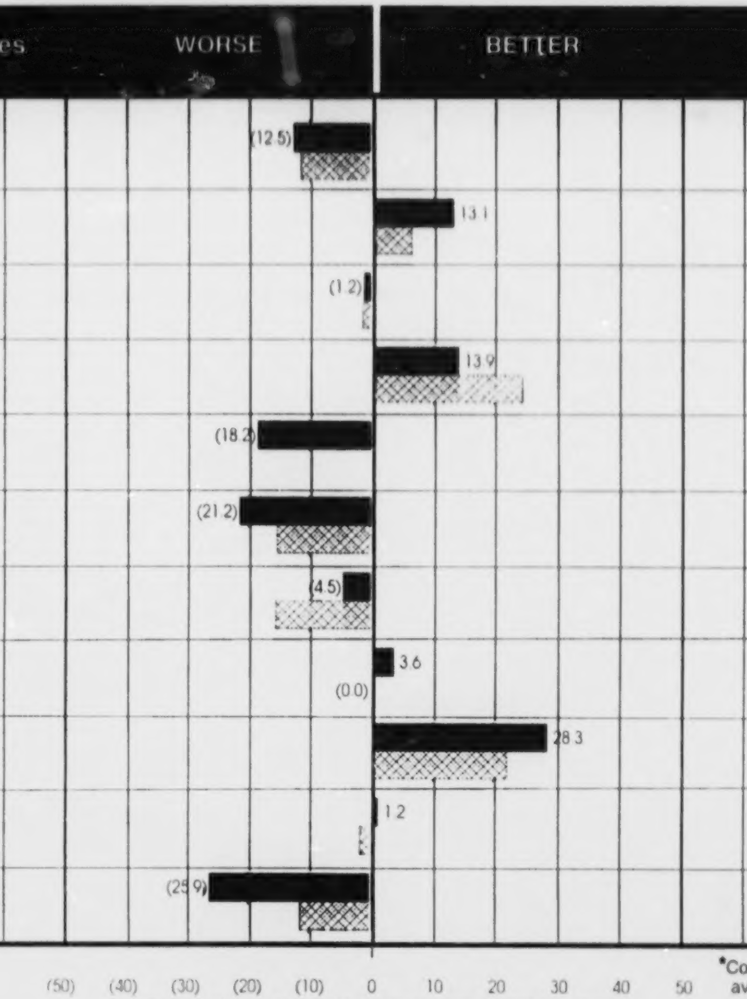
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**2,864**	**2,879**	0.5
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.7	26.6	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.4	1.0	-28.6
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	20.4	27.1	32.8
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.0	16.0	77.8
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$19,200	$19,037	-0.8
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	1,737	594	-65.8
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	14.0	11.5	-17.9
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	38.0	36.0	-5.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	38.3	56.6	47.8
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	51.7	67.5	30.6
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	8.8	7.6	-13.6
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	23.3	54.4	133.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	15.3	18.6	21.6
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	39.7	46.2	16.4

Jackson County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 71



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	33.5	37.7	33.3	67
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	24.4	21.2	20.2	55
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*ª	8.1	8.2	6.9	108
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*ª	12.2	10.5	7.8	77
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*ª	32.9	38.9	33.5	73
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	13.7	16.6	13.7	81
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.4	4.6	4.5	67
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	70.1	72.7	76.9	99
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	18.0	12.9	10.7	100
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	41.8	41.3	53.5	53
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*ª	74.5	93.8	80.5	66

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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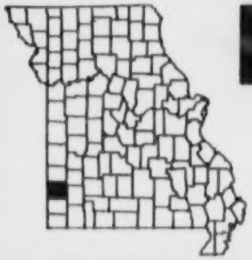
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	**160,815**	**163,702**	**1.8**
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	25.4	25.5	0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	31.5	29.7	-5.7
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	14.0	18.4	31.4
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	21.6	26.4	22.2
Median household income	1989 1993	$30,803	$30,819	0.1
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	228,746	229,145	0.2
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	5.4	6.3	16.7
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	43.8	38.7	-11.6
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	54.6	67.7	24.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	70.6	81.5	15.4
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	35.4	42.4	19.8
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	26.1	31.2	19.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	13.1	17.5	33.6
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	28.7	34.8	21.3

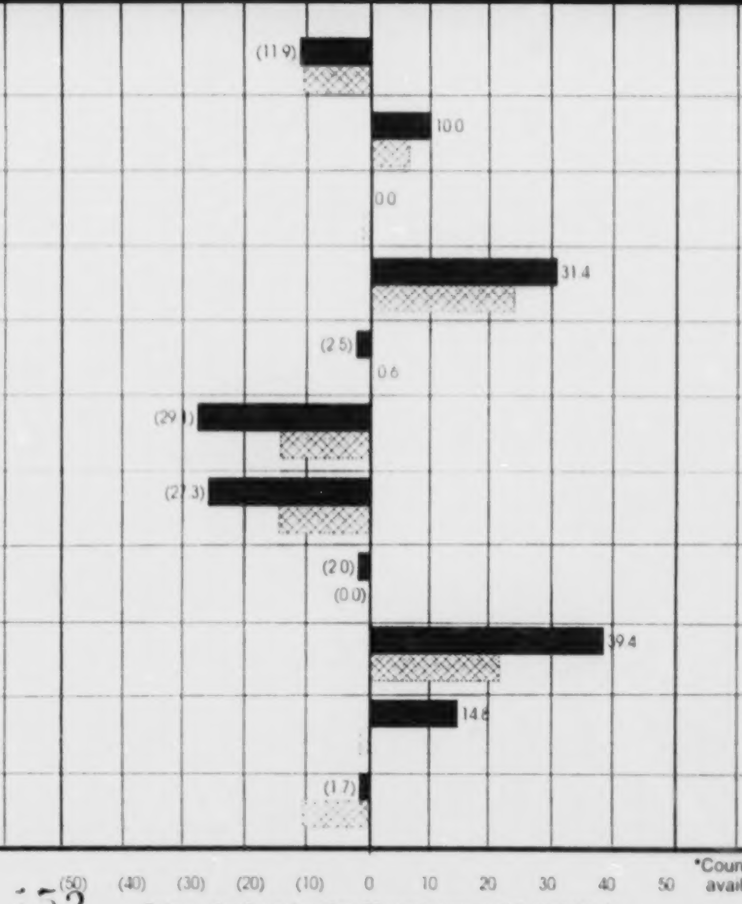


Jasper County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **29**



Outcome Measures	WORSE	BETTER	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	(11.9)		27.7	31.0	33.3	28
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*		10.0	26.9	24.2	20.2	69
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]		0.0	5.9	5.9	6.9	49
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]		31.4	10.2	7.0	7.8	35
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	(2.5)	0.6	36.2	37.1	33.5	63
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	(29.1)		13.4	17.3	13.7	83
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	(27.3)		3.3	4.2	4.5	55
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	(2.0) (0.0)		65.2	63.9	76.9	112
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*		39.4	16.0	9.7	10.7	70
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*		14.8	29.8	25.4	53.5	18
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	(1.7)		86.7	88.2	80.5	61

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	23,122	24,035	3.9
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	25.6	25.6	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	4.4	4.1	-6.8
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	16.7	18.1	8.4
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	14.4	19.3	34.0
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$23,099	$23,138	0.2
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	27,056	29,439	8.8
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	4.9	5.7	16.3
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	35.2	40.2	14.2
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	45.2	59.2	31.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	62.8	74.4	18.5
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	41.9	41.4	1.2
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	23.3	29.9	28.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	10.0	11.0	10.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	27.1	33.3	22.9

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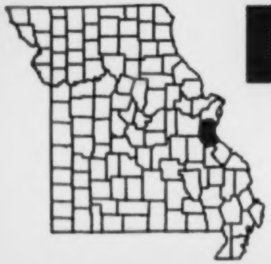
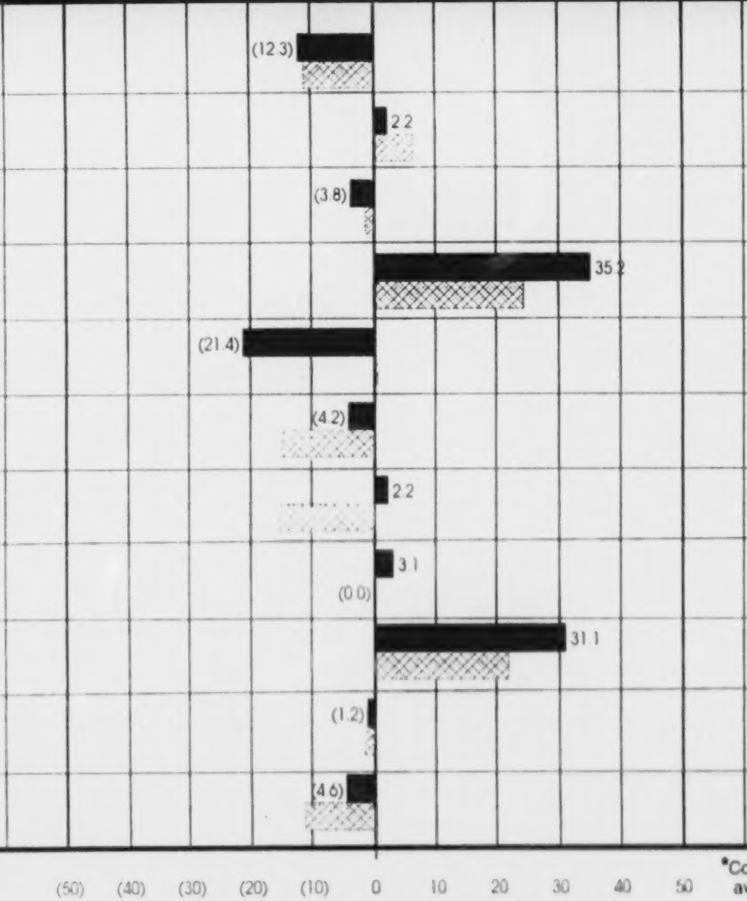


Jefferson County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **21**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	17.9	20.1	33.3	5
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	18.1	17.7	20.2	39
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.2	5.4	6.9	31
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	9.1	5.9	7.8	22
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	31.3	38.0	33.5	71
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	11.8	12.3	13.7	54
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.5	4.4	4.5	62
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	75.0	77.3	76.9	78
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.9	8.2	10.7	40
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	42.1	42.6	53.5	56
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	71.4	74.7	80.5	52

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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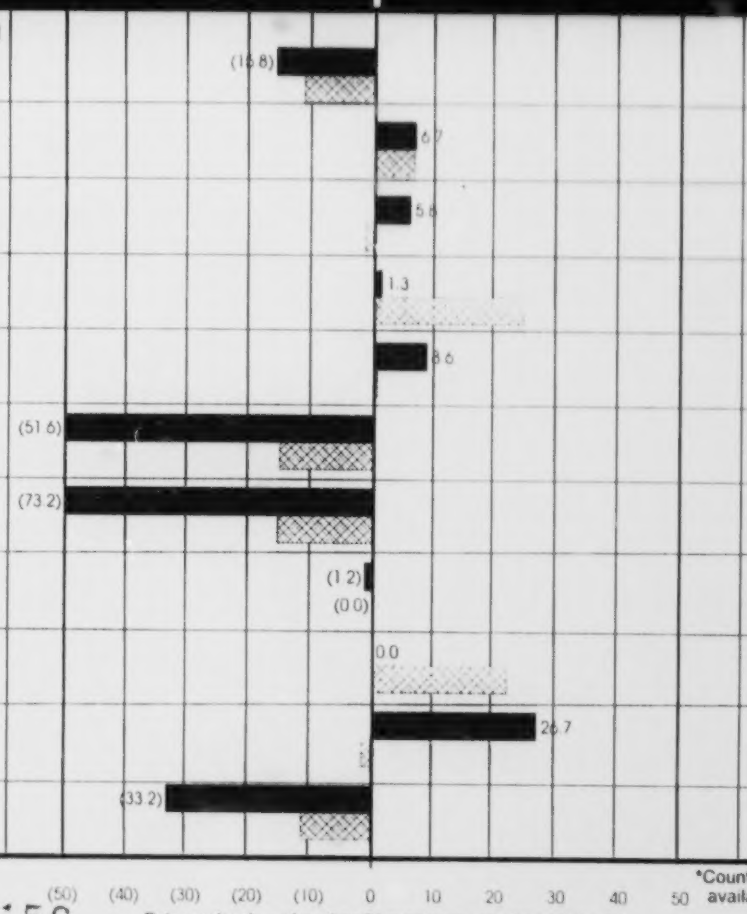
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	50,998	54,672	7.2
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	29.8	29.8	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.6	1.4	-12.5
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	7.4	8.9	20.3
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.4	14.6	55.3
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$35,625	$35,867	0.7
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	24,408	26,159	7.2
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	7.9	6.7	-15.2
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	48.0	42.4	-11.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	46.4	64.4	38.8
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	59.6	75.8	27.2
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	19.3	25.6	32.6
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	24.4	30.1	23.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	4.3	6.3	46.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	14.0	18.5	32.1

Johnson County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 41



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	27.8	32.2	33.3	36
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	12.0	11.2	20.2	9
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991ª*	5.2	4.9	6.9	20
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991ª*	7.7	7.6	7.8	43
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991ª*	24.4	22.3	33.5	33
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.4	9.7	13.7	33
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.1	7.1	4.5	91
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	89.1	88.0	76.9	24
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	5.0	5.0	10.7	13
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	37.1	27.2	53.5	22
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991ª*	25.0	33.3	80.5	15

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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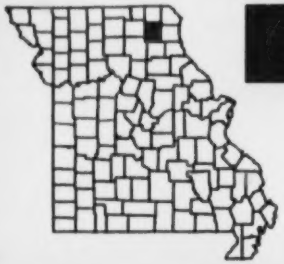
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	10,376	11,002	6.0
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	24.4	24.5	0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	9.3	8.5	-8.6
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	11.9	15.4	29.4
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.3	14.2	52.7
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$25,410	$25,673	1.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	6,452	6,644	3.0
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	4.4	4.6	4.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	44.3	47.8	7.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	51.9	57.6	11.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	66.5	76.9	15.6
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	26.0	37.3	43.5
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	27.3	22.0	-19.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	6.0	7.3	21.7
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	17.6	22.4	27.3

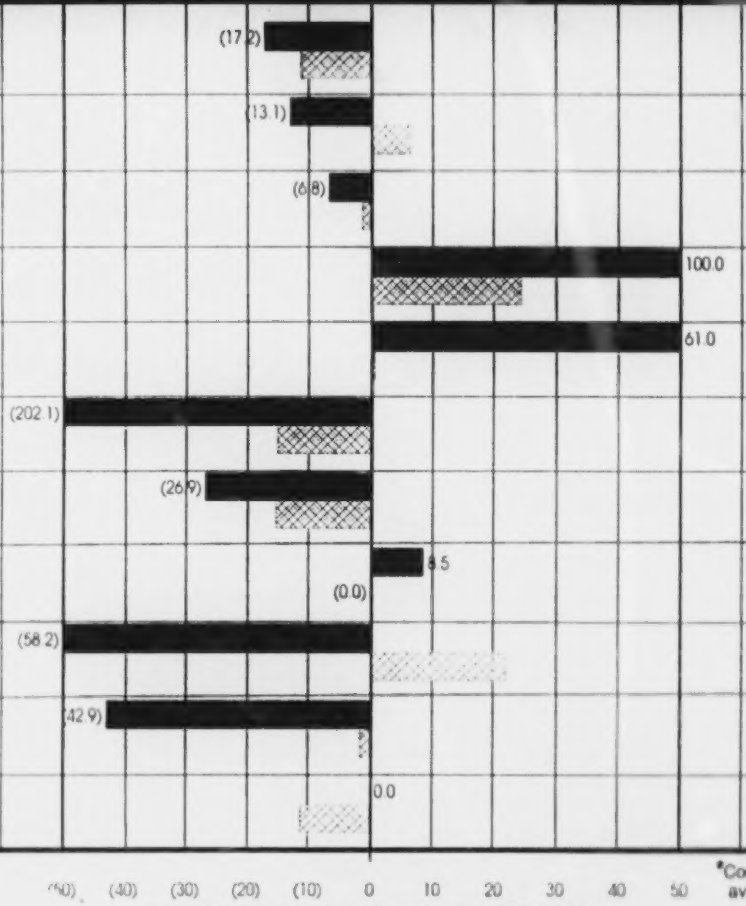


Knox County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 109



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	38.3	44.9	33.3	89
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	32.7	37.0	20.2	108
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	4.4	4.7	6.9	15
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	3.7	0.0	7.8	1
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	63.6	24.8	33.5	39
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	14.0	42.3	13.7	115
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	9.3	11.8	4.5	106
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	90.1	97.8	76.9	1
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	5.5	8.7	10.7	53
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	38.7	55.3	53.5	87
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	0.0	0.0	80.5	1

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	1,070	1,053	-1.6
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	23.9	23.8	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.7	0.8	14.3
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	30.1	24.4	-18.9
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	6.7	12.7	89.6
Median household income	1989 1993	$19,121	$18,963	-0.8
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	529	567	7.2
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	6.2	6.1	-1.6
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	32.8	37.7	14.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	55.1	60.3	9.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	53.3	71.7	34.5
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	57.0	53.8	-5.6
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	56.3	59.1	5.0
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	7.1	6.9	-2.8
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	24.8	24.3	-2.0

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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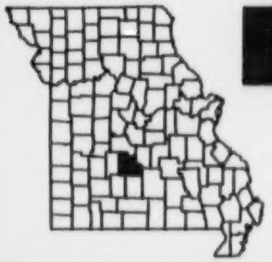

Laclede County

Trend Data

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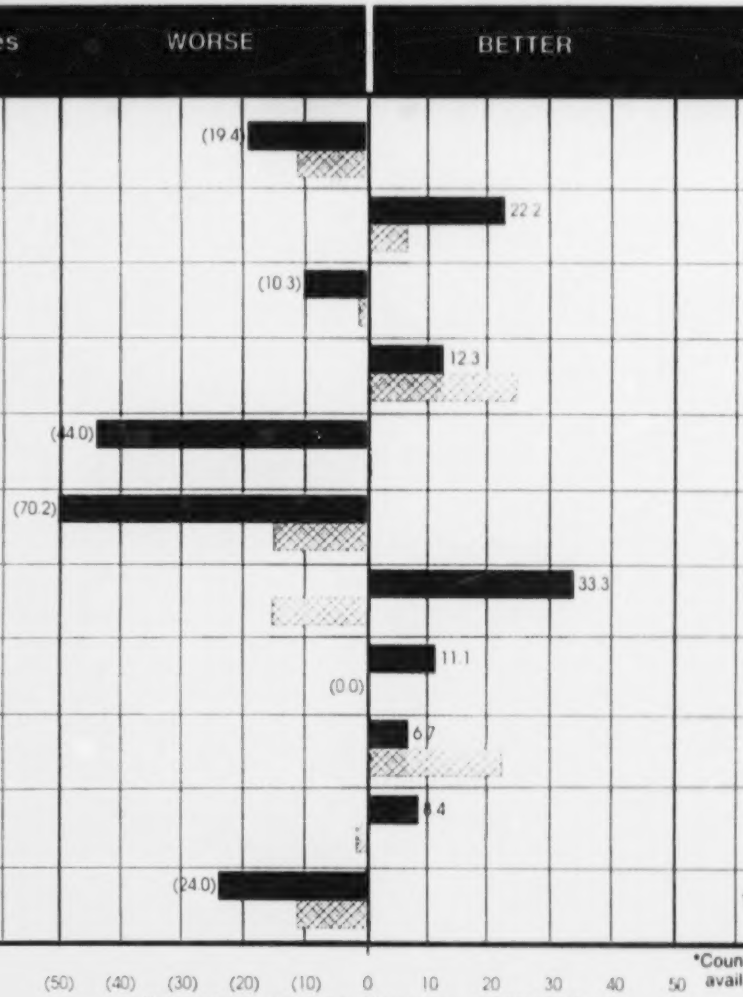
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank | **37**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate.	Curr Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	31.0	37.0	33.3	64
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	30.6	23.8	20.2	67
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.8	6.4	6.9	67
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	10.6	9.3	7.8	66
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	29.3	42.2	33.5	82
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	8.4	14.3	13.7	65
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	1.8	1.2	4.5	9
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	62.8	69.8	76.9	105
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	8.9	8.3	10.7	46
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	35.8	32.8	53.5	34
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	122.8	152.3	80.5	93

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	7,294	7,600	4.2
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.9	26.8	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.5	1.5	0.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	20.6	18.2	-11.7
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	11.8	15.3	29.7
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$22,184	$22,422	1.1
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	5,894	6,404	8.7
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	10.5	8.1	-22.9
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	39.8	38.9	-2.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	46.7	64.8	38.8
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	66.3	75.3	13.6
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	11.5	18.0	56.5
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	38.9	40.1	3.1
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	6.2	9.2	48.4
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	24.4	31.0	27.0

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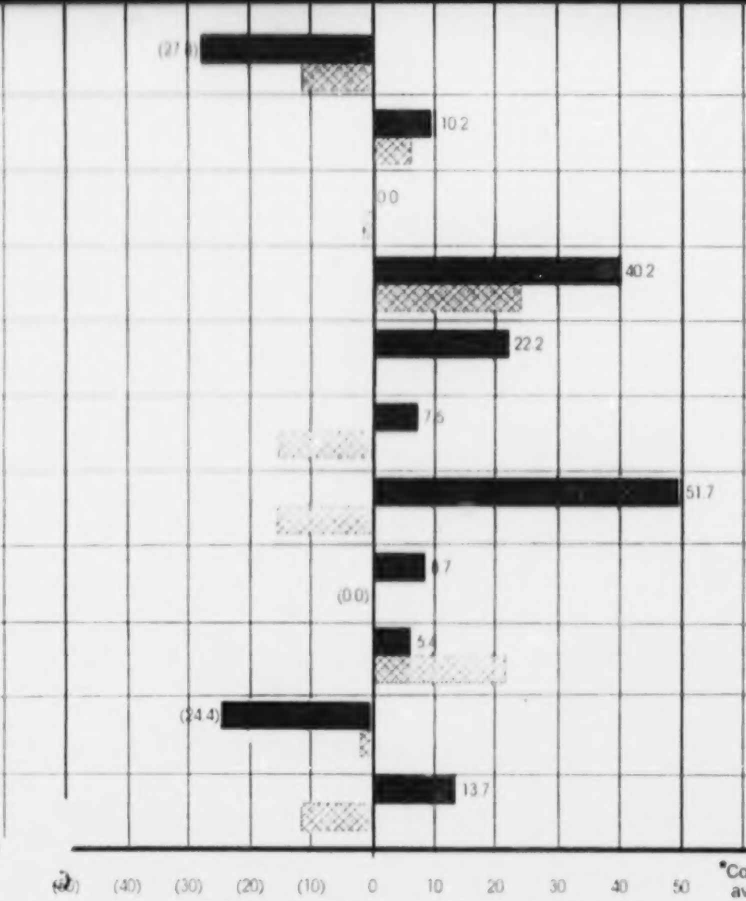
Lafayette County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 47



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	23.4	29.9	33.3	26
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	20.6	18.5	20.2	43
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991ª*	6.0	6.0	6.9	52
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991ª*	8.2	4.9	7.8	10
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991ª*	48.1	37.4	33.5	66
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	12.0	11.1	13.7	45
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.9	1.4	4.5	10
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	78.5	85.4	76.9	32
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.0	10.3	10.7	77
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	43.8	54.5	53.5	84
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991ª*	43.0	37.1	80.5	17

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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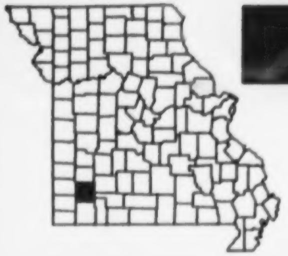
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	8,236	8,331	1.2
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	26.5	26.4	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	4.4	3.9	-11.4
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	12.9	17.6	36.4
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	9.3	15.1	62.4
Median household income	1989 1993	$27,160	$27,192	0.1
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	5,872	6,272	6.8
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	6.4	6.0	-6.3
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	43.4	48.7	12.2
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	52.0	63.7	22.5
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	68.9	78.0	13.2
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	19.1	22.4	17.3
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	25.5	21.8	-14.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	6.8	8.2	20.6
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	20.3	26.4	30.0

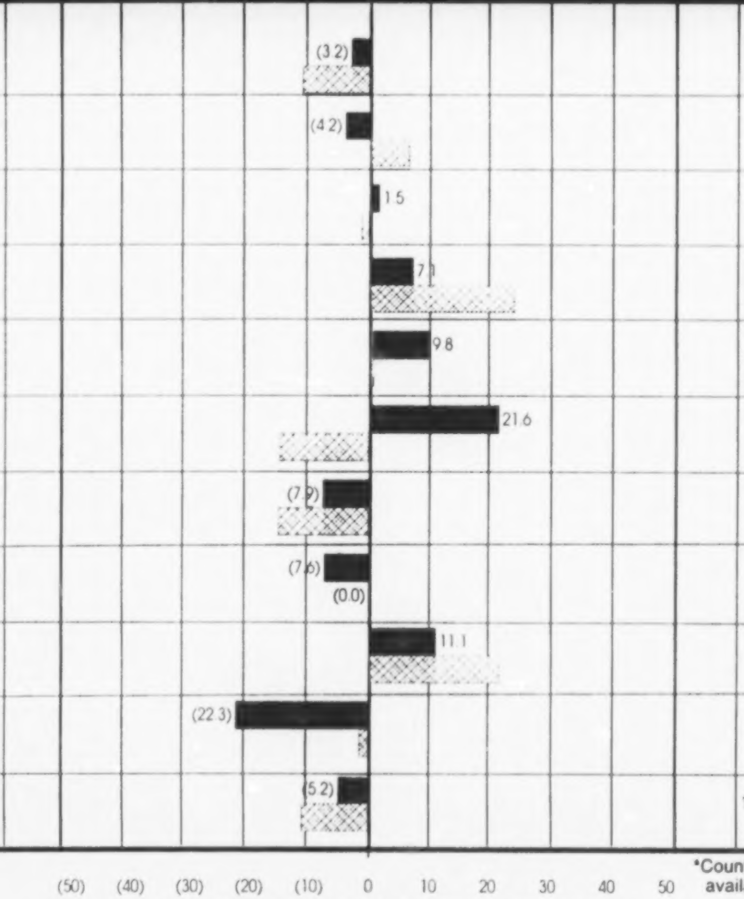


Lawrence County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **66**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	34.8	35.9	33.3	58
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	26.4	27.5	20.2	83
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.7	6.6	6.9	76
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	8.4	7.8	7.8	45
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	35.7	32.2	33.5	49
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	14.8	11.6	13.7	49
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.8	4.1	4.5	52
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	81.8	75.6	76.9	89
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.7	10.4	10.7	78
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	36.7	44.9	53.5	64
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	168.3	177.0	80.5	104

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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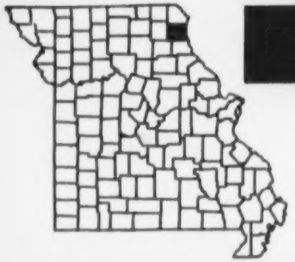
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	8,086	8,350	3.3
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.7	26.7	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.8	1.5	-16.7
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	15.1	20.5	35.8
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	10.9	16.2	48.6
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$22,719	$23,239	2.3
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	4,364	4,589	5.2
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	5.8	6.6	13.8
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	49.2	45.9	-6.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	49.8	59.8	20.1
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	63.9	75.6	18.3
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	18.1	28.3	56.4
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	30.1	33.5	11.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	7.2	7.9	9.7
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	23.6	27.6	16.9

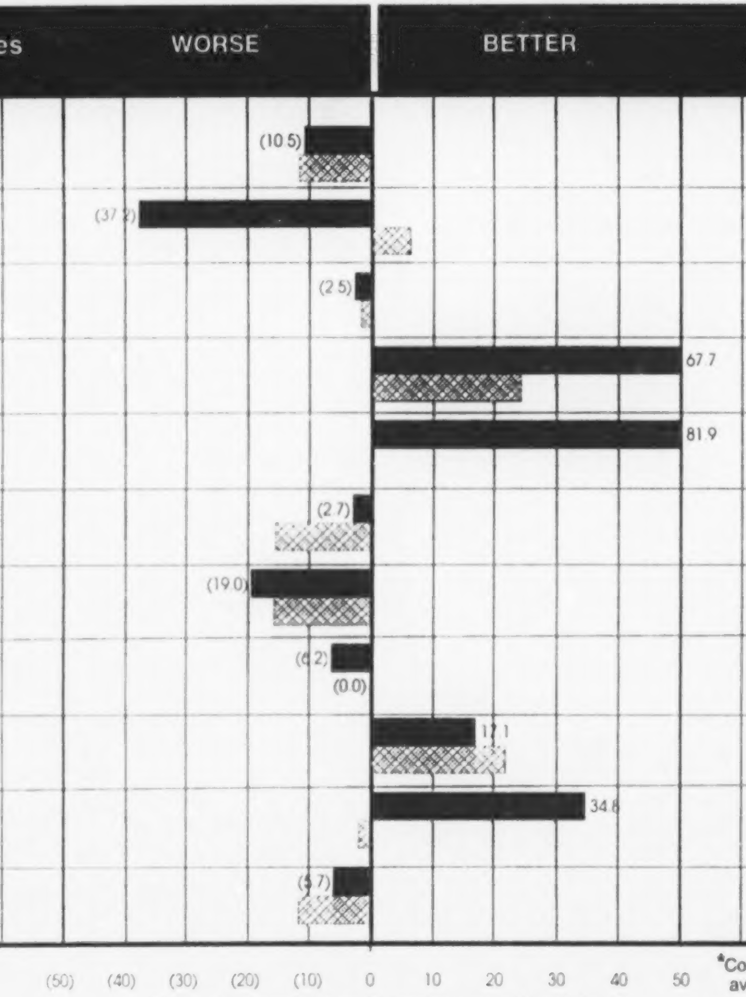


Lewis County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 34



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	32.4	35.8	33.3	56
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	15.6	21.4	20.2	57
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	8.0	8.2	6.9	108
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	12.7	4.1	7.8	8
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	58.7	10.6	33.5	6
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	14.6	15.0	13.7	71
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.2	5.0	4.5	72
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	94.1	88.4	76.9	22
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	12.3	10.2	10.7	76
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	46.6	30.4	53.5	25
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	19.2	20.3	80.5	8

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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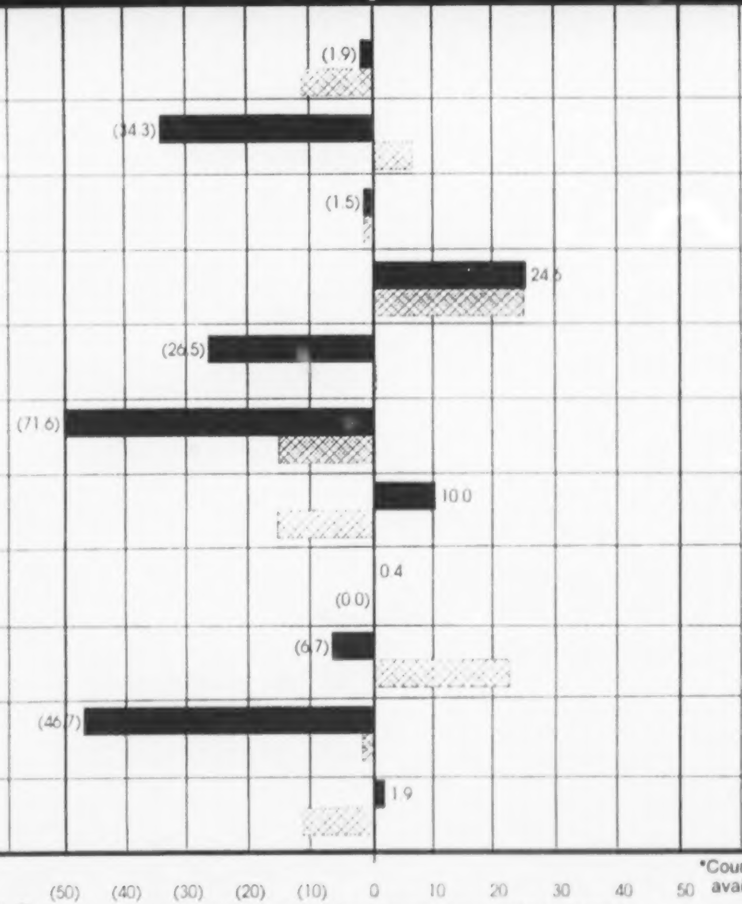
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	2,404	2,410	0.2
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	23.5	23.5	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	4.8	4.5	-6.3
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	14.5	22.4	54.5
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.3	15.8	69.9
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$23,068	$22,314	-3.3
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	1,657	1,645	-0.7
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	4.6	7.4	60.9
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	39.8	44.4	11.6
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	53.0	70.8	33.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	63.1	73.7	16.8
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	10.6	27.1	155.7
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	44.5	46.7	4.9
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	8.2	8.9	8.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	22.1	26.9	21.7

Lincoln County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 41



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	20.8	21.2	33.3	7
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	17.5	23.5	20.2	65
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.7	6.8	6.9	84
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	12.2	9.2	7.8	65
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	43.7	55.3	33.5	100
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	7.4	12.7	13.7	58
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.0	1.8	4.5	22
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	76.5	76.7	76.9	81
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.5	11.2	10.7	90
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	33.2	48.7	53.5	74
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	114.7	112.5	80.5	75

[a]Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	**8,676**	**9,419**	8.6
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	30.0	29.9	-0.3
Percent minority children	1990 1993	3.1	2.8	-9.7
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	12.2	14.7	20.5
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	8.3	13.1	57.8
Median household income	1989 1993	$30,860	$30,703	-0.5
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	4,119	4,366	6.0
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	7.2	9.3	29.2
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	41.8	41.6	-0.5
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	45.7	62.6	37.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	60.3	75.6	25.4
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	10.0	18.0	80.0
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	14.7	29.4	100.0
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	5.2	6.4	23.1
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	17.0	21.2	24.7

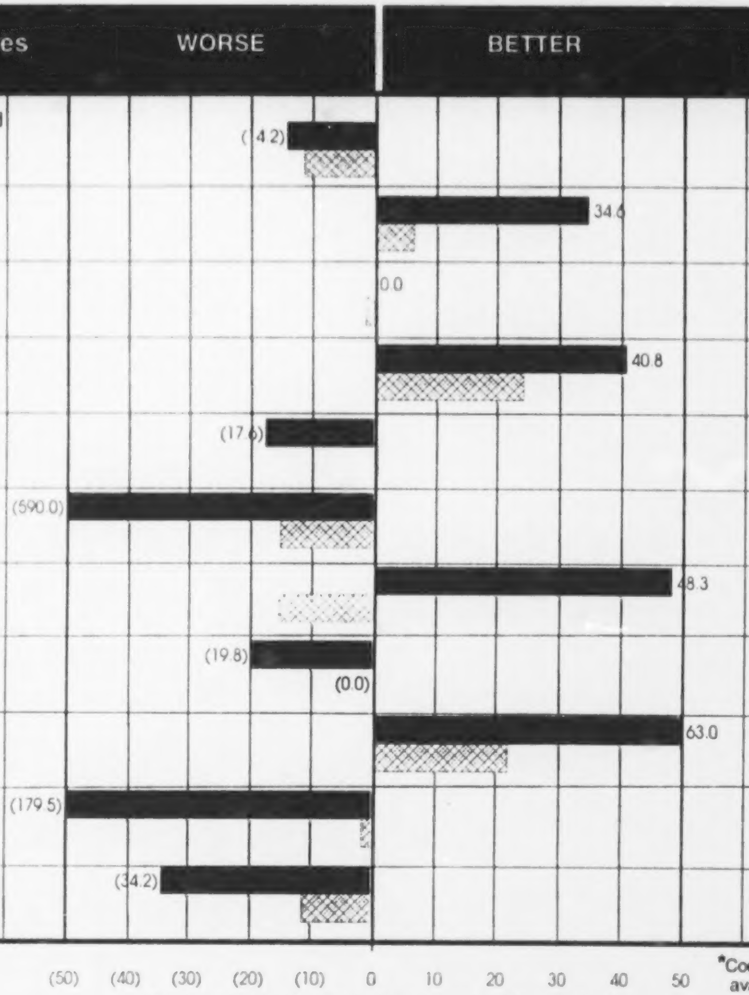
Linn County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county

▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 39



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	27.5	31.4	33.3	32
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	20.5	13.4	20.2	19
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	4.5	4.5	6.9	9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	12.5	7.4	7.8	40
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	44.4	52.2	33.5	97
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.0	13.8	13.7	62
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.9	1.5	4.5	17
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	96.8	77.6	76.9	72
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	12.7	4.7	10.7	11
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	20.5	57.3	53.5	91
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	146.9	197.2	80.5	107

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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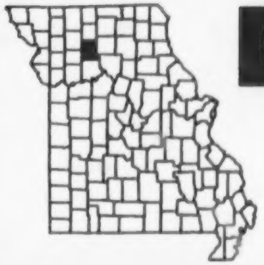
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	3,455	3,414	-1.2
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	24.9	24.8	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.5	1.1	-26.7
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	15.2	19.9	30.9
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.7	15.0	54.6
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$19,277	$18,896	-2.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,785	2,952	6.0
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	8.0	10.2	27.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	49.1	45.3	-7.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	53.2	81.3	52.8
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	68.7	74.1	7.9
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	28.3	17.4	-38.5
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	48.5	56.7	16.9
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	6.9	8.6	24.6
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	22.5	27.9	24.0



Livingston County

Trend Data

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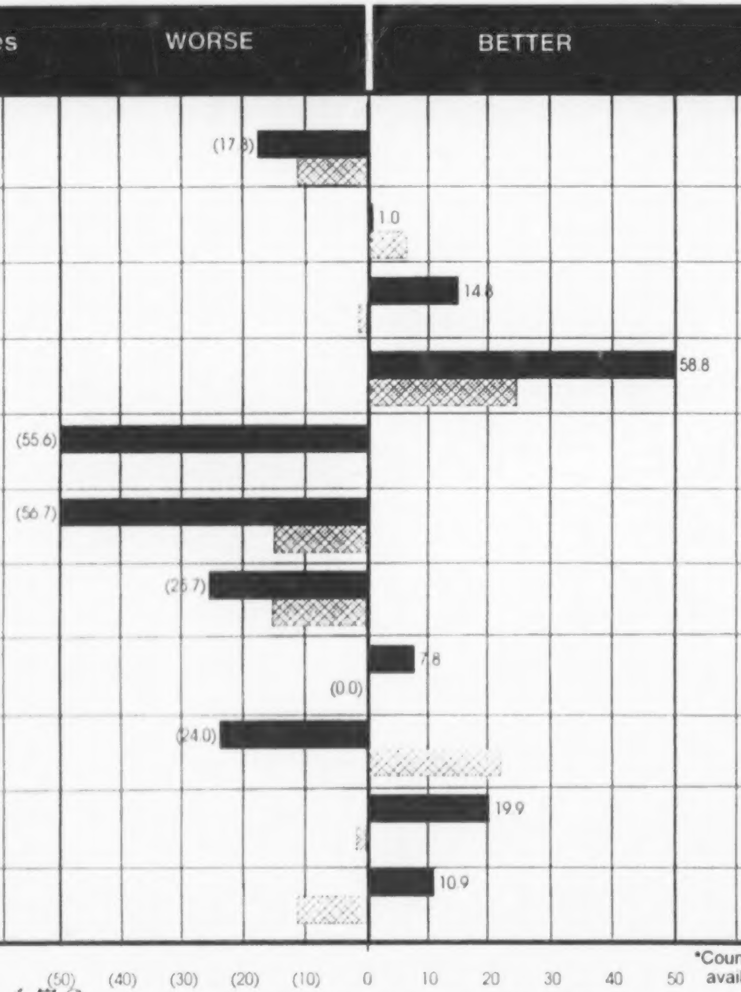
Composite County Rank | **32**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	23.6	27.8	33.3	20
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	20.7	20.5	20.2	50
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*ª	6.1	5.2	6.9	26
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*ª	9.7	4.0	7.8	7
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*ª	13.5	21.0	33.5	27
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.0	9.4	13.7	28
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.5	4.4	4.5	62
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	75.5	81.4	76.9	55
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	9.6	11.9	10.7	96
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	53.8	43.1	53.5	57
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*ª	76.0	67.7	80.5	43

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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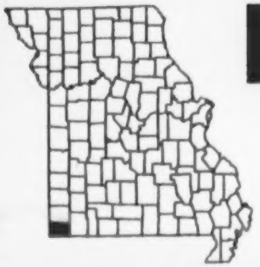
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	3,686	3,693	0.2
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	25.3	25.2	0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	2.0	1.9	-5.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	17.5	18.5	5.7
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	10.9	16.0	46.8
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$23,933	$23,688	-1.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	3,763	4,076	8.3
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	4.7	5.6	19.1
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	41.1	43.7	6.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	47.6	68.1	43.1
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	65.8	75.4	14.6
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	24.3	31.6	30.0
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	54.8	43.6	20.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	5.9	7.7	30.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	20.7	27.0	30.4



McDonald County

Trend Data

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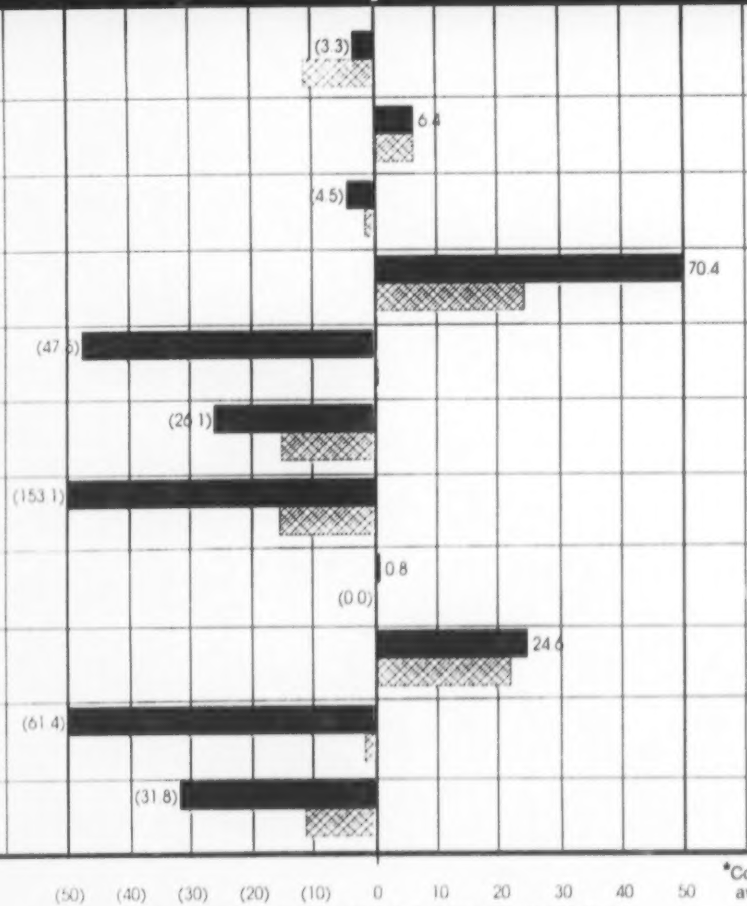
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 99



Outcome Measures	WORSE	BETTER	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	(3.3)		45.7	47.2	33.3	96
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*		6.4	37.3	34.9	20.2	107
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	(4.5)		6.7	7.0	6.9	97
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]		70.4	14.2	4.2	7.8	9
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	(47.6)		40.4	59.6	33.5	104
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	(26.1)		16.1	20.3	13.7	99
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	(153.1)		6.4	16.2	4.5	113
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	(0.0)	0.8	65.9	66.4	76.9	110
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*		24.6	12.2	9.2	10.7	63
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	(61.4)		26.7	43.1	53.5	57
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	(31.8)		64.2	84.6	80.5	57

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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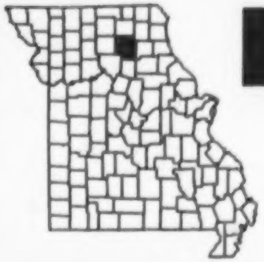
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**4,670**	**4,936**	5.7
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	27.6	27.6	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	4.9	4.7	-4.1
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	25.8	25.0	-3.1
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	10.6	17.2	62.3
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$19,217	$19,820	3.1
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,059	2,064	0.2
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	4.4	7.1	61.4
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	34.7	38.6	11.2
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	44.1	53.4	21.1
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	60.5	74.3	22.8
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	9.5	13.8	45.3
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	19.0	10.9	-42.6
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	10.9	12.3	12.8
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	36.8	43.8	19.0



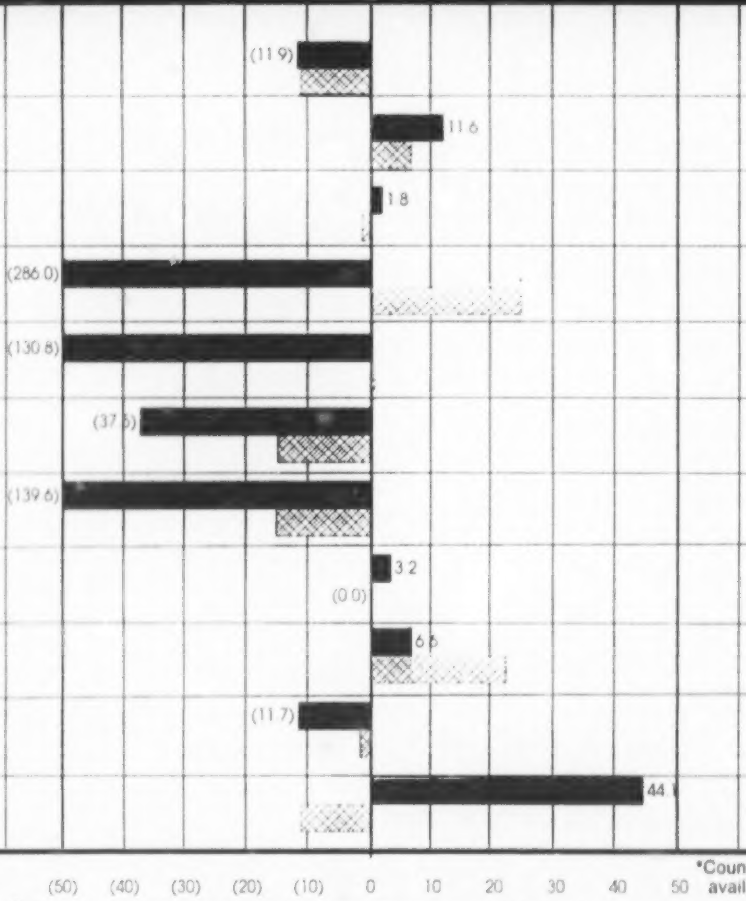
Macon County

Trend Data

▇ **Percent change in county**

▨ **Percent change in state**

Composite County Rank | **91**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	29.4	32.9	33.3	41
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	19.8	17.5	20.2	37
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.5	5.4	6.9	31
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	4.3	16.6	7.8	110
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	19.5	45.0	33.5	87
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.4	8.8	13.7	24
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.8	11.5	4.5	104
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	87.6	90.4	76.9	11
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	9.1	8.5	10.7	49
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	62.3	69.6	53.5	103
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	104.6	58.5	80.5	32

[a]Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	3,774	3,730	-1.2
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	24.6	24.5	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	3.8	3.8	0.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	12.9	17.4	34.9
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.0	12.7	41.1
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$22,415	$21,926	-2.2
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,690	2,865	6.5
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	7.3	9.9	35.6
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	43.7	40.7	-6.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	50.0	70.3	40.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	65.3	77.3	18.4
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	22.7	27.8	22.5
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	34.1	46.6	36.7
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	4.9	6.4	30.6
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	16.7	22.5	34.7

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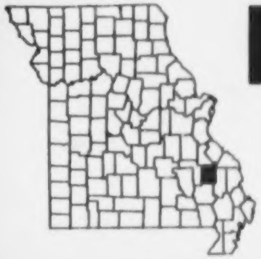
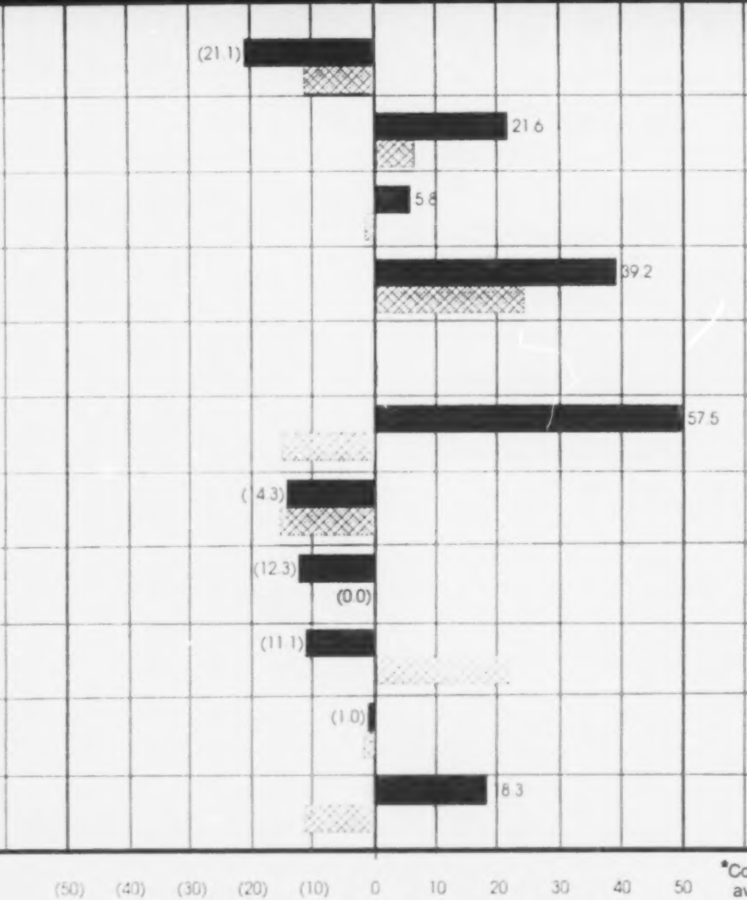


Madison County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **103**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	32.7	39.6	33.3	78
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	33.8	26.5	20.2	78
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.9	6.5	6.9	72
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	15.3	9.3	7.8	66
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	0.0	33.2	33.5	52
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	33.2	14.1	13.7	64
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.1	2.4	4.5	28
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	78.1	68.5	76.9	106
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	13.5	15.0	10.7	107
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	69.6	70.3	53.5	105
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	96.6	78.9	80.5	53

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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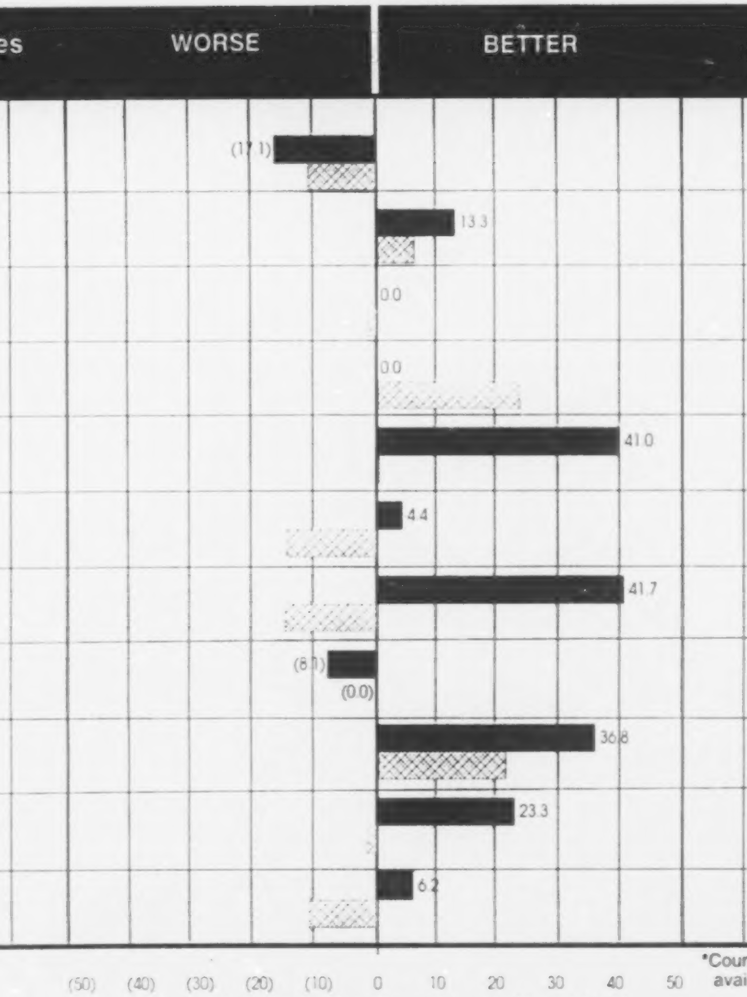
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	2,861	2,913	1.8
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	25.7	25.6	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.1	0.9	-18.2
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	21.9	29.3	33.8
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	11.7	17.8	52.1
Median household income	1989 1993	$19,066	$19,344	1.5
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,613	1,615	0.1
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	9.1	11.6	27.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	45.8	39.6	-13.5
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	49.7	47.5	-4.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	48.5	72.9	50.3
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	27.0	39.0	44.4
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	31.0	19.4	-37.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	11.9	13.2	10.9
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	34.5	38.9	12.8

Maries County

Trend Data

- ▇ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 6



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	33.3	39.0	33.3	75
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	18.1	15.7	20.2	26
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.1	6.1	6.9	55
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	12.2	12.2	7.8	92
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	37.6	22.2	33.5	31
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.8	6.5	13.7	7
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.4	1.4	4.5	10
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	92.8	85.2	76.9	36
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	7.6	4.8	10.7	12
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	15.0	11.5	53.5	5
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	217.9	204.3	80.5	109

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	2,070	2,173	5.0
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.0	25.9	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.2	1.0	-16.7
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	16.9	18.9	11.8
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	7.8	12.8	64.1
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$21,109	$21,838	3.5
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	982	1,035	5.4
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	7.0	7.4	5.7
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	47.1	38.4	-18.5
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	54.0	72.3	33.9
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	66.9	77.6	16.0
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	15.6	18.8	20.5
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	18.9	131.8	597.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	6.4	8.9	39.1
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	19.5	23.3	19.5

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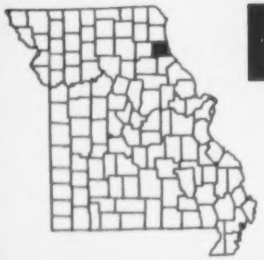
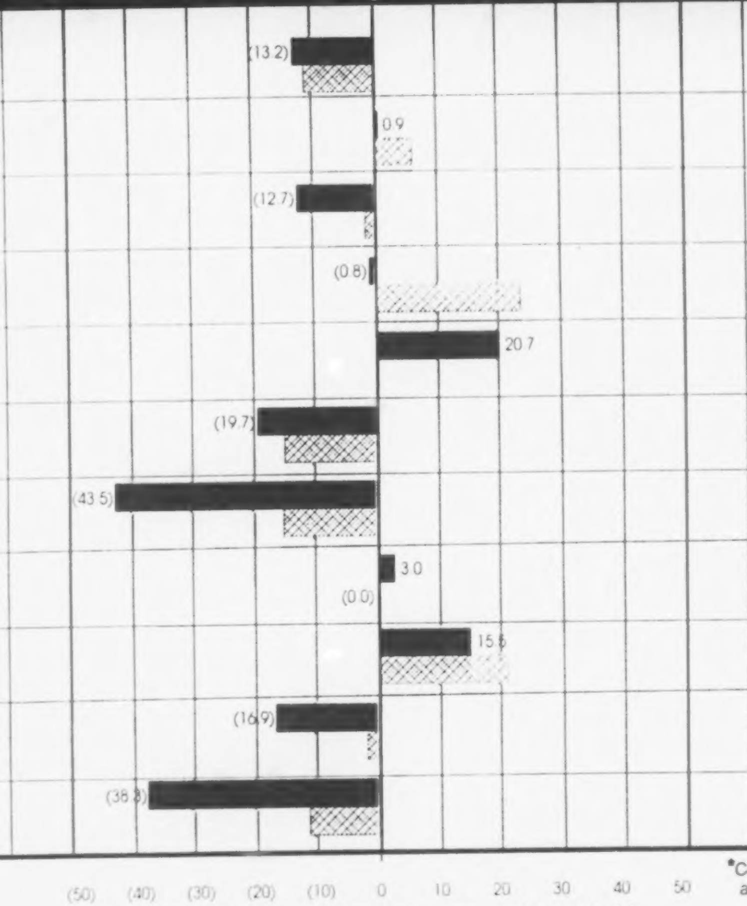


Marion County

Trend Data

▬ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 108



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	31.0	35.1	33.3	51
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	23.0	22.8	20.2	64
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.5	6.2	6.9	59
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	12.5	12.6	7.8	97
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	50.7	40.2	33.5	77
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	12.2	14.6	13.7	66
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.3	3.3	4.5	37
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	75.3	77.5	76.9	73
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.6	9.8	10.7	72
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	79.9	93.4	53.5	114
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	115.2	159.3	80.5	99

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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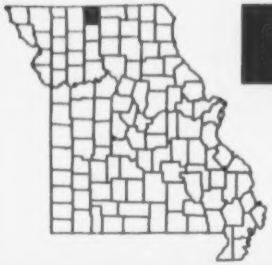
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	7,538	7,659	1.6
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	27.2	27.2	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	6.6	6.4	-3.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	13.7	23.5	71.5
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	11.6	18.4	58.6
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$23,714	$23,170	-2.3
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	7,147	7,679	7.4
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	5.4	6.8	25.9
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	29.4	34.2	16.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	46.8	67.9	45.1
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	67.2	75.4	12.2
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	10.6	19.3	82.1
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	39.2	18.3	-53.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	11.6	13.4	15.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	29.3	32.1	9.6

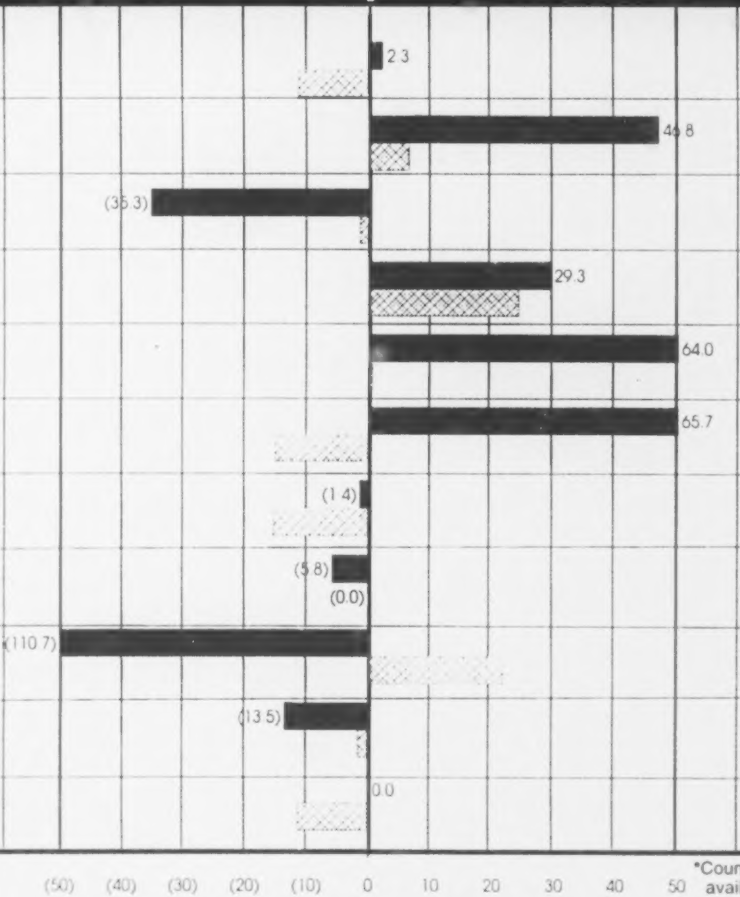


Mercer County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **31**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	43.9	42.9	33.3	87
Percent-birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	11.1	5.9	20.2	1
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.1	6.9	6.9	90
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	14.0	9.9	7.8	72
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	85.9	30.9	33.5	46
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	28.6	9.8	13.7	35
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	7.2	7.3	4.5	93
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	91.2	85.9	76.9	29
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	2.8	5.9	10.7	16
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	35.6	40.4	53.5	48
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	0.0	0.0	80.5	1

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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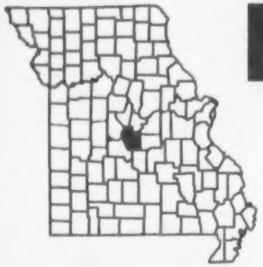
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990 1993*	839	847	1.0
Children as percent of total population	*1990 1993*	22.5	22.5	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990 1993*	0.4	0.4	0.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980 1990*	20.2	16.3	-19.3
Percent children in one parent families	*1980 1990*	7.0	11.3	61.4
Median household income	*1989 1993*	$18,355	$18,817	2.5
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990 1992*	437	489	11.9
Adult unemployment rate	*1990 1993*	6.3	5.5	-12.7
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990 1993*	40.6	43.4	6.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980 1990*	48.5	66.5	37.1
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980 1990*	68.1	69.2	1.6
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990 1993*	0.0	12.0	ERR
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991 1993*	83.2	72.0	-13.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990 1993*	7.6	9.5	25.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990 1993*	29.3	30.3	3.4

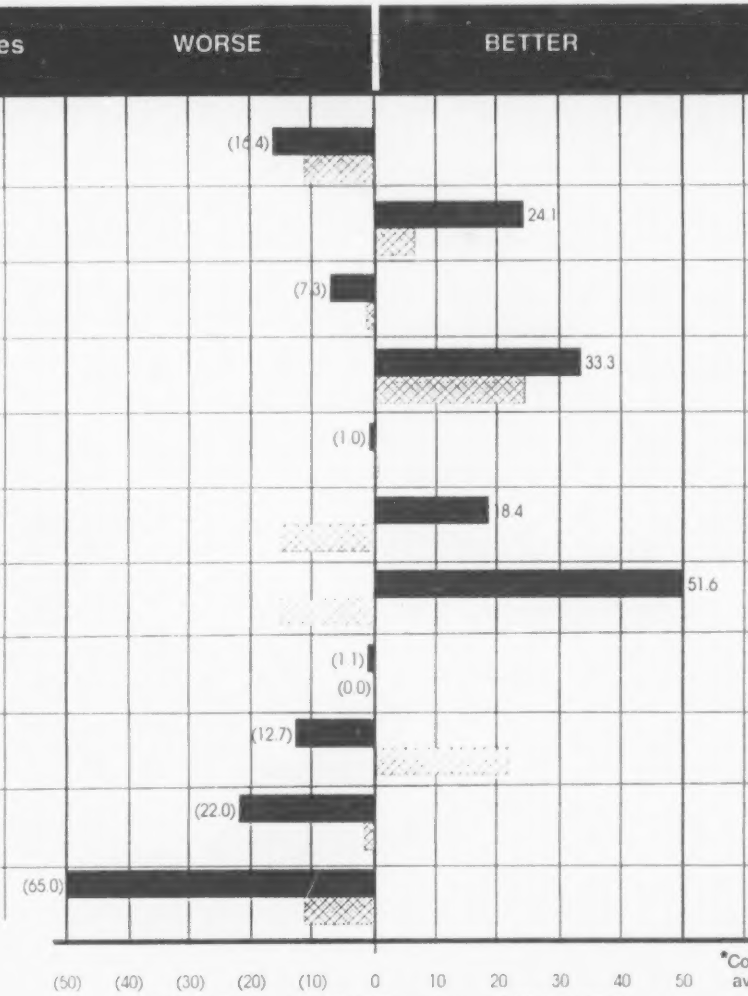


Miller County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank | **67**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	32.9	38.3	33.3	68
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	31.1	23.6	20.2	66
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.5	5.9	6.9	49
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	9.6	6.4	7.8	28
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	41.3	41.7	33.5	80
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	14.7	12.0	13.7	51
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.1	1.5	4.5	17
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	80.3	79.4	76.9	65
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.2	11.5	10.7	94
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	41.9	51.1	53.5	79
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	52.8	87.1	80.5	60

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	5,784	6,095	5.4
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	27.9	27.9	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	0.9	0.8	-11.1
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	14.4	20.9	45.1
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	9.9	16.5	66.7
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$21,164	$21,184	0.1
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	3,963	4,107	3.6
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	10.5	9.8	-6.7
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	39.8	35.5	-10.8
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	54.7	68.4	25.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	56.0	79.1	41.3
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	8.4	17.1	103.6
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	23.2	27.1	16.8
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	8.1	10.2	25.9
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	30.5	35.5	16.4

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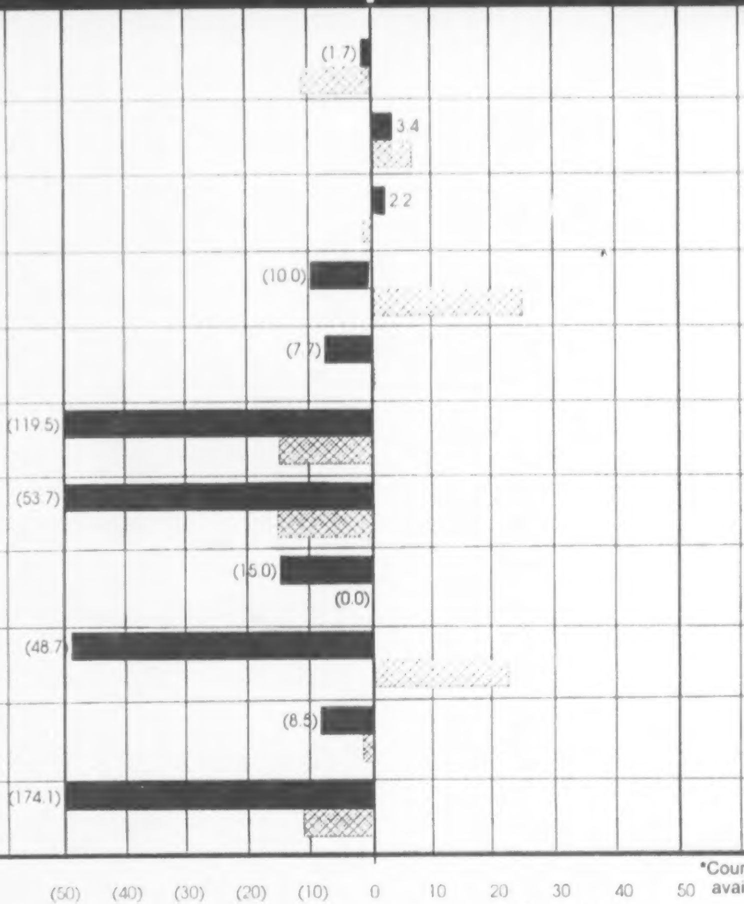
Mississippi County

Trend Data

▬ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **113**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	52.7	53.6	33.3	105
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	38.6	37.3	20.2	109
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*ª	9.3	9.1	6.9	112
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*ª	11.0	12.1	7.8	89
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*ª	34.9	37.6	33.5	67
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	8.2	18.0	13.7	89
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.7	10.3	4.5	101
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	73.8	62.7	76.9	113
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	15.0	22.3	10.7	113
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	89.3	96.9	53.5	115
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*ª	47.1	129.1	80.5	83

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	4,169	4,070	-2.4
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	28.9	28.8	-0.3
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	28.2	28.2	0.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	34.5	39.4	14.2
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	23.0	29.1	26.5
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$17,873	$18,196	1.8
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,418	2,489	2.9
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	9.3	10.6	14.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	40.1	35.6	-11.2
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	45.0	53.2	18.2
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	54.0	63.6	17.8
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	23.0	47.5	106.5
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	85.5	96.9	13.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	27.8	31.4	12.9
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	58.6	64.7	10.4

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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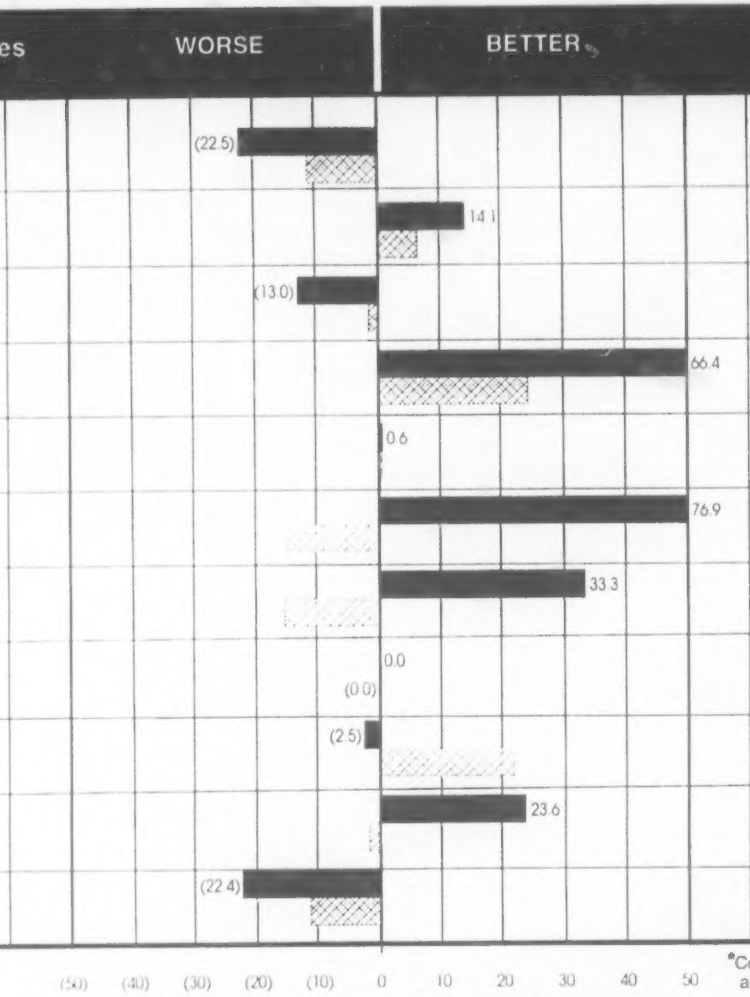
Moniteau County

Trend Data

▬ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 8



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	24.9	30.5	33.3	27
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	33.3	28.6	20.2	91
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	4.6	5.2	6.9	26
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	10.7	3.6	7.8	4
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	31.0	30.8	33.5	45
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.5	1.5	13.7	2
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	0.9	0.6	4.5	3
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	74.5	74.5	76.9	93
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	7.9	8.1	10.7	39
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	34.7	26.5	53.5	19
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	147.2	180.1	80.5	105

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	3,390	3,463	2.2
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	27.6	27.5	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.2	1.2	0.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	15.8	11.8	-25.3
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	9.7	13.2	36.1
Median household income	1989 1993	$24,270	$24,551	1.2
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,847	2,013	9.0
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	6.6	7.1	7.6
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	45.4	41.8	-7.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	55.5	74.6	34.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	62.8	83.7	33.3
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	30.8	31.1	1.0
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	66.3	66.5	0.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	3.4	4.4	29.4
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	11.8	15.7	33.1

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[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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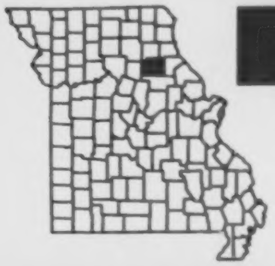


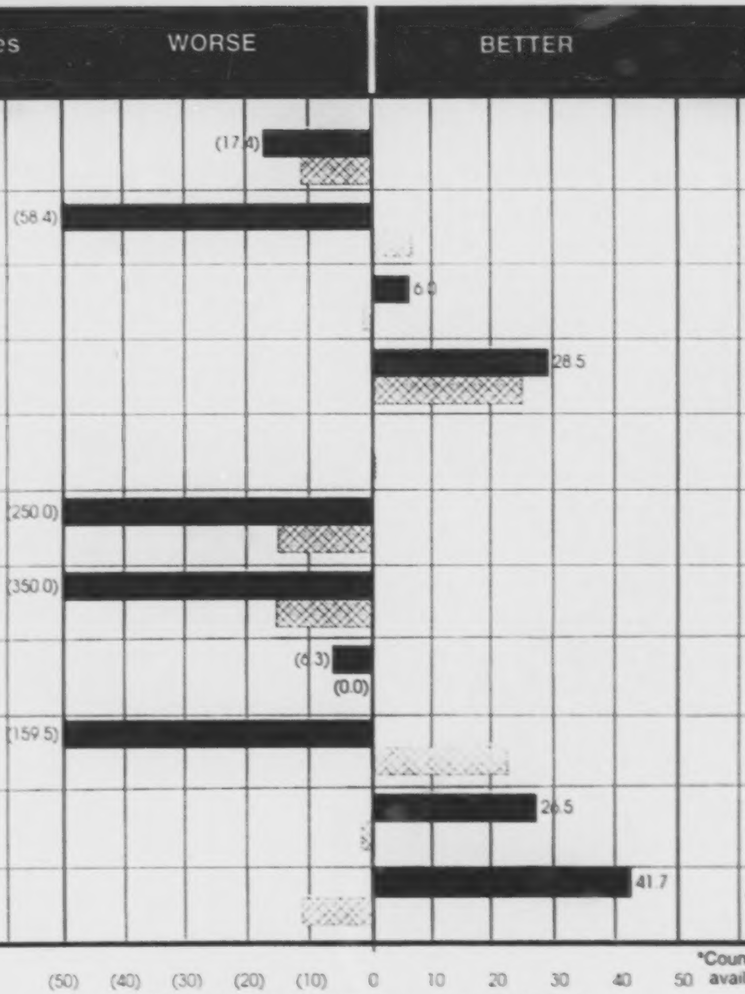
Monroe County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county

▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **61**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	26.5	31.1	33.3	30
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 1990/1993	12.5	19.8	20.2	47
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991^a	5.0	4.7	6.9	15
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991^a	17.2	12.3	7.8	93
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991^a	0.0	20.3	33.5	25
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	4.0	14.0	13.7	63
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	1.2	5.4	4.5	76
High school completion rate 1991/1993	94.5	88.5	76.9	20
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	4.2	10.9	10.7	83
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	63.8	46.9	53.5	69
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991^a	119.7	69.8	80.5	47

^a Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	2,503	2,448	-2.2
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	27.5	27.4	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	5.0	5.0	0.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	20.2	22.7	12.4
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	8.2	10.7	30.5
Median household income	1989 1993	$22,074	$21,491	-2.6
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,409	1,395	-1.0
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	4.6	6.6	43.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	46.5	43.9	-5.6
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	47.5	60.5	27.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	63.6	73.9	16.2
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	29.0	42.9	47.9
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	26.7	24.3	-9.0
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	3.3	5.2	57.6
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	14.0	18.7	33.6

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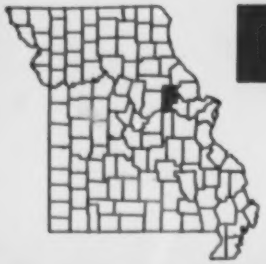
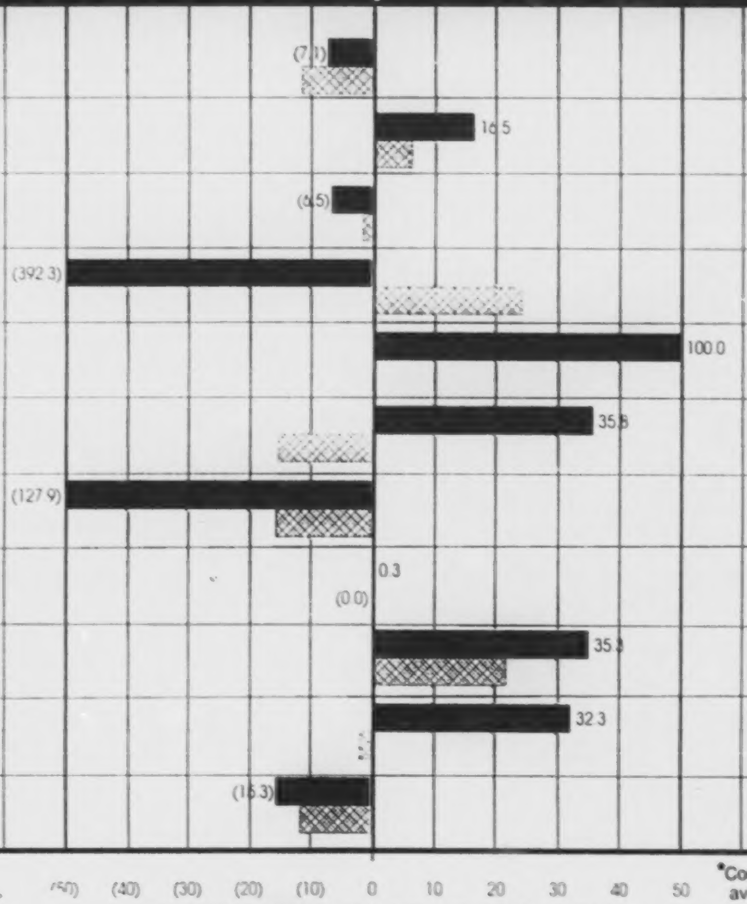


Montgomery County

Trend Data

▆ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 46



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	29.6	31.7	33.3	34
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	29.1	24.3	20.2	70
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	4.6	4.9	6.9	20
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	1.3	6.4	7.8	28
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	17.6	0.0	33.5	1
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	23.2	14.9	13.7	69
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.1	13.9	4.5	111
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	79.9	80.2	76.9	61
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	13.9	9.0	10.7	60
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	46.4	31.4	53.5	30
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	121.5	140.1	80.5	88

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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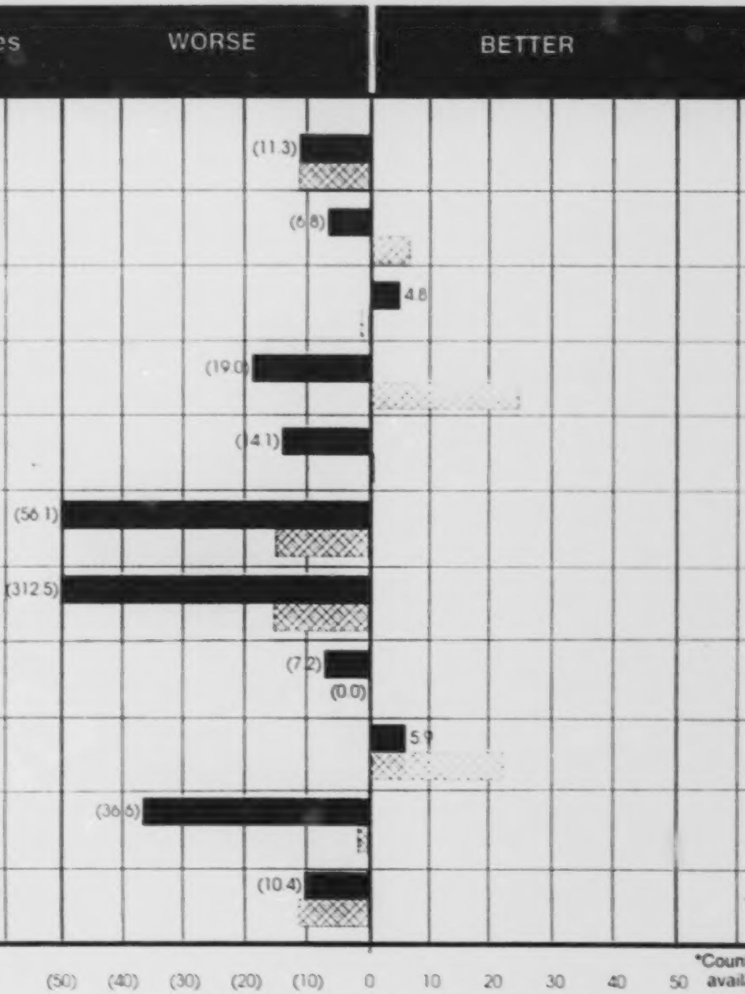
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	2,971	2,983	0.4
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	26.2	26.0	-0.8
Percent minority children	1990 1993	3.5	3.3	-5.7
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	15.5	18.4	18.7
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	8.6	15.3	77.9
Median household income	1989 1993	$24,034	$24,387	1.5
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,990	2,103	5.7
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	7.3	7.4	1.4
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	45.8	43.0	-6.1
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	44.3	65.5	47.9
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	55.4	76.3	37.7
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	14.9	20.1	34.9
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	38.5	43.7	13.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	7.7	8.7	13.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	23.5	29.9	27.2

Morgan County

Trend Data

▬ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 86



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	40.7	45.3	33.3	90
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 1990/1993	41.3	44.1	20.2	114
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991ª	6.2	5.9	6.9	49
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991ª	5.8	6.9	7.8	33
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991ª	44.0	50.2	33.5	95
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	11.4	17.8	13.7	86
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	0.8	3.3	4.5	37
High school completion rate 1991/1993	76.6	71.1	76.9	102
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	10.1	9.5	10.7	68
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	24.6	33.6	53.5	37
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991ª	136.2	150.3	80.5	92

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	3,604	3,819	6.0
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	23.1	23.1	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.6	1.3	-18.8
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	20.3	22.6	11.3
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	9.8	14.3	45.9
Median household income	1989 1993	$21,345	$21,747	1.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	2,609	2,875	10.2
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	7.6	8.7	14.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	38.3	37.0	-3.4
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	51.7	66.5	28.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	67.1	79.6	18.6
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	8.3	22.3	168.7
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	17.2	35.4	105.8
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	8.2	13.9	69.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	28.9	37.3	29.1

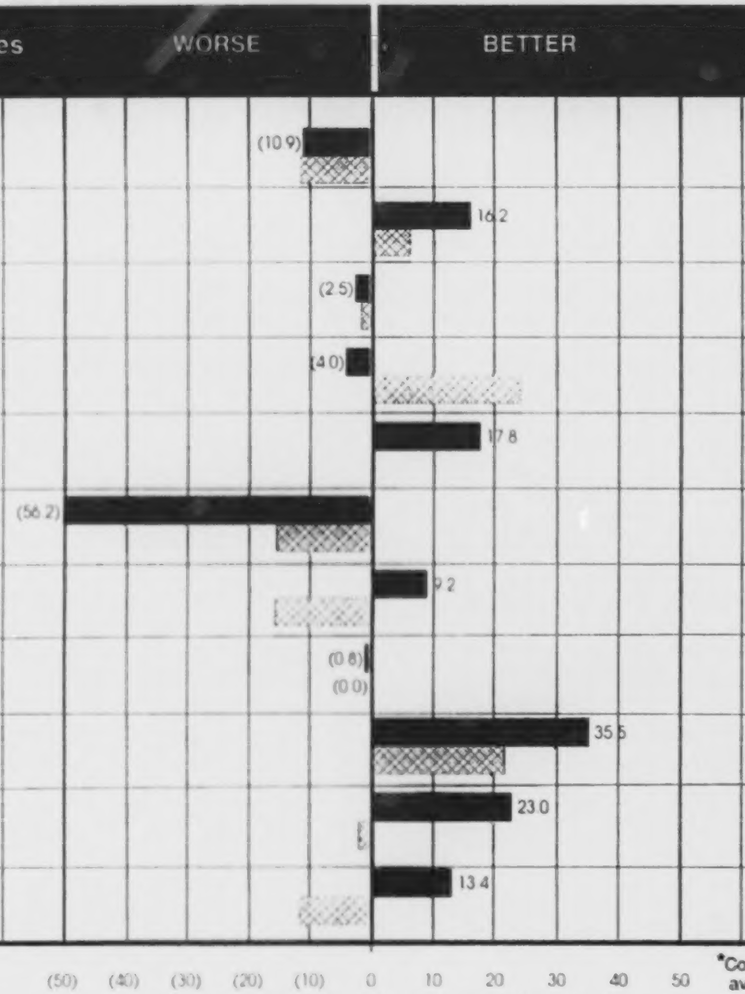
New Madrid County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 106

Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	49.4	54.8	33.3	107
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 1990/1993	37.0	31.0	20.2	98
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991ª	8.1	8.3	6.9	110
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991ª	12.6	13.1	7.8	99
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991ª	67.5	55.5	33.5	101
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	16.2	25.3	13.7	107
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	6.5	5.9	4.5	82
High school completion rate 1991/1993	82.5	81.8	76.9	52
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	25.1	16.2	10.7	109
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	45.2	34.8	53.5	40
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991ª	43.4	37.6	80.5	18



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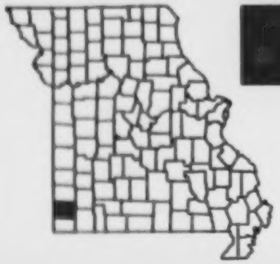
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	6,121	6,158	0.6
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	29.2	29.2	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	23.0	22.9	-0.4
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	34.7	35.6	2.6
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	19.6	24.6	25.5
Median household income	1989 1993	$19,331	$20,043	3.7
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	3,438	3,613	5.1
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	8.5	9.2	8.2
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	41.6	36.5	-12.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	44.9	56.4	25.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	52.7	60.8	15.4
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	26.6	21.4	-19.5
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	75.9	72.8	-4.1
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	24.0	24.9	3.7
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	48.2	50.4	4.6

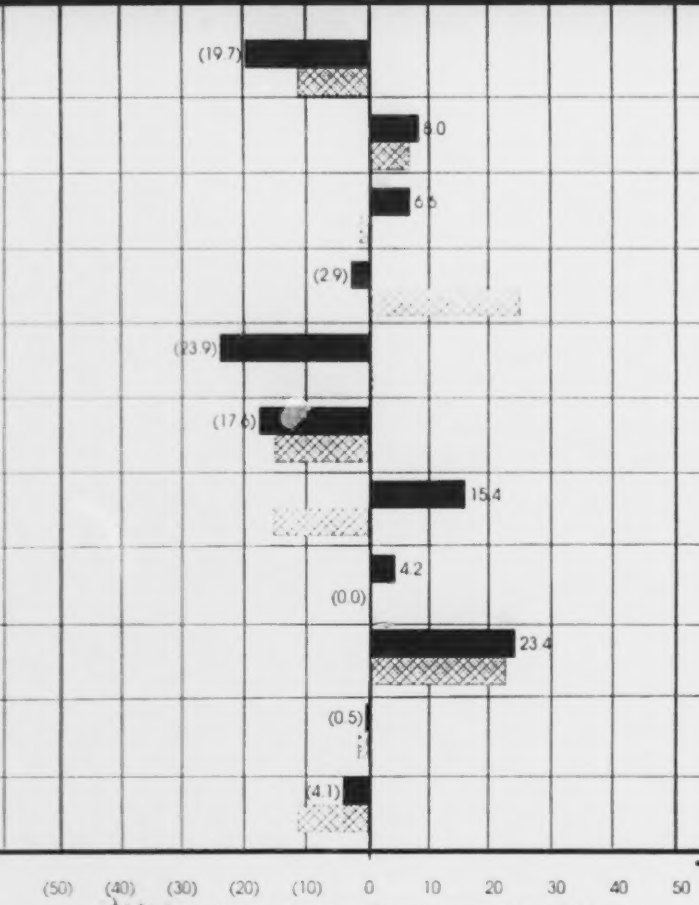


Newton County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 53



Outcome Measures	WORSE	BETTER	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	(19.7)		28.9	34.6	33.3	49
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*		8.0	26.3	24.2	20.2	68
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991ª*		6.6	6.1	5.7	6.9	46
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991ª*	(2.9)		10.4	10.7	7.8	80
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991ª*	(23.9)		33.9	42.0	33.5	81
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	(17.6)		12.5	14.7	13.7	67
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*		15.4	6.5	5.5	4.5	77
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	(0.0)	4.2	71.9	74.9	76.9	92
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*		23.4	11.1	8.5	10.7	49
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	(0.5)		38.0	38.2	53.5	41
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991ª*	(4.1)		109.3	113.8	80.5	76

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	11,773	12,389	5.2
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	26.5	26.5	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	4.3	4.0	-7.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	15.6	16.7	7.1
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	10.1	14.4	42.6
Median household income	1989 1993	$24,542	$25,478	3.8
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	8,058	8,496	5.4
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	6.4	6.3	-1.6
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	40.0	46.0	15.0
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	42.9	60.2	40.3
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	62.8	77.3	23.1
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	19.8	21.3	7.6
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	25.8	34.9	35.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	6.2	7.7	24.2
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	22.8	28.0	22.8

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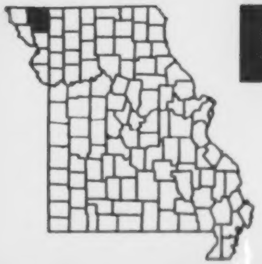
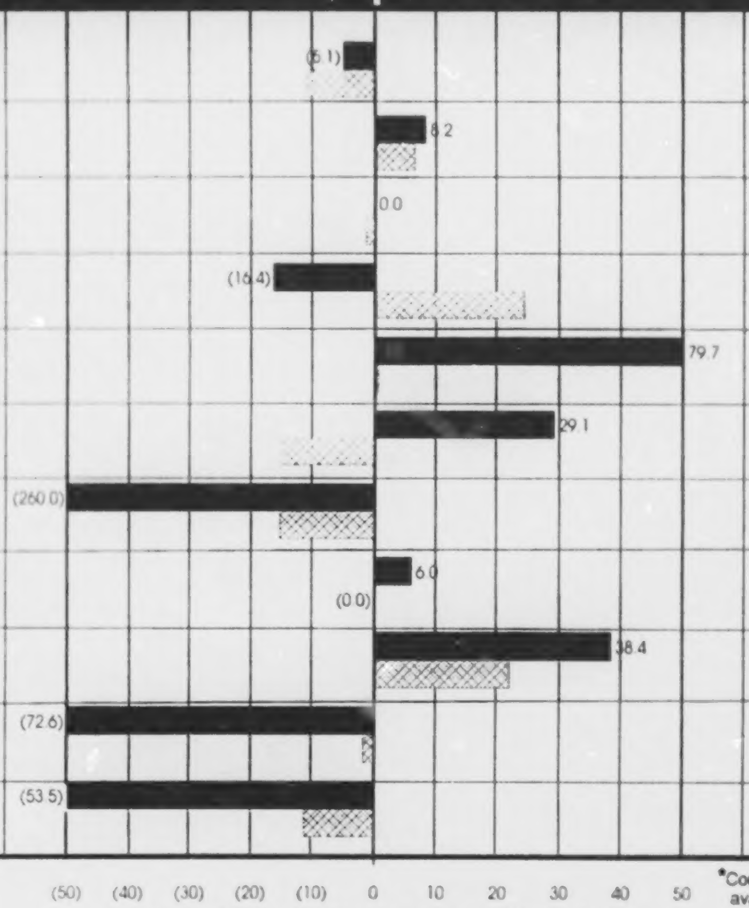


Nodaway County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 60



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	31.5	33.1	33.3	43
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	7.3	6.7	20.2	3
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	4.7	4.7	6.9	15
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	7.3	8.5	7.8	56
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	51.7	10.5	33.5	5
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	10.3	7.3	13.7	13
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	1.0	3.6	4.5	41
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	90.6	96.1	76.9	2
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	7.3	4.5	10.7	8
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	44.2	76.3	53.5	108
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	15.7	24.1	80.5	11

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	4,878	4,812	-1.4
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	22.5	22.6	0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.3	1.1	-15.4
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	18.5	20.8	12.4
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	8.6	13.6	58.1
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$22,687	$22,114	-2.5
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	4,625	4,777	3.3
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	3.0	3.8	26.7
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	45.4	45.2	-0.4
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	56.3	67.9	20.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	62.2	88.0	41.5
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	15.2	21.1	38.8
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	48.2	47.4	-1.7
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	5.2	5.0	-3.8
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	16.0	19.1	19.4

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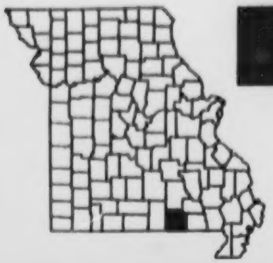

Oregon County

Trend Data

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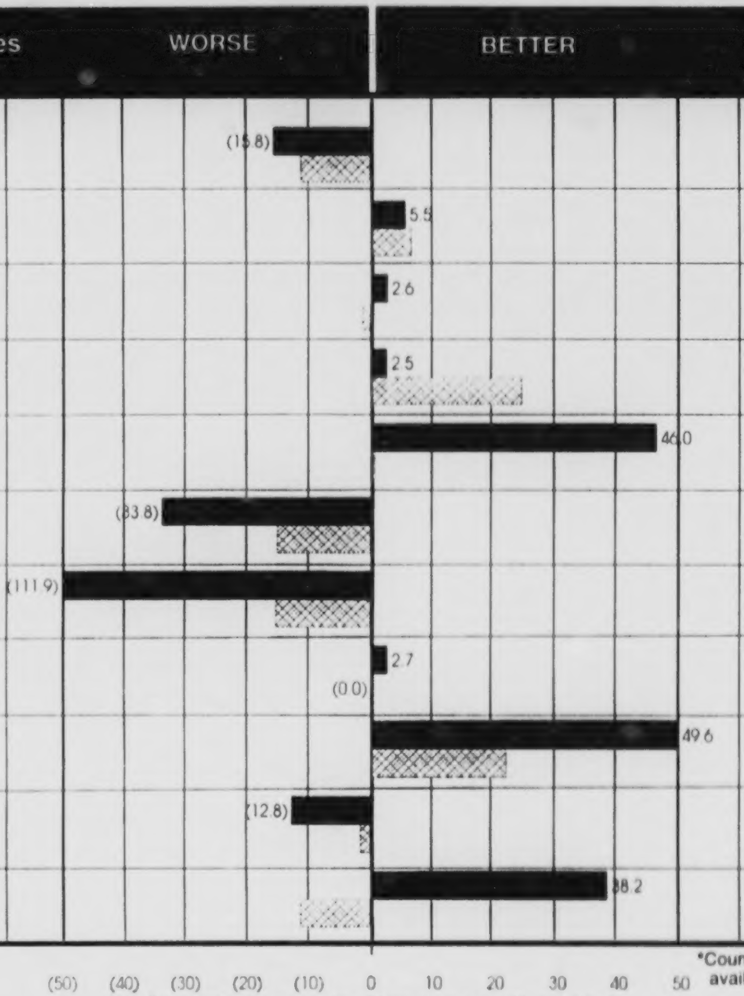
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 95



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	49.5	57.3	33.3	108
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	29.2	27.6	20.2	85
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991[a]*	3.8	3.7	6.9	3
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991[a]*	8.0	7.8	7.8	45
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991[a]*	43.9	23.7	33.5	36
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	13.3	17.8	13.7	86
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	8.4	17.8	4.5	114
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	85.3	87.6	76.9	25
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.3	5.7	10.7	15
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	36.0	40.6	53.5	49
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991[a]*	185.8	114.9	80.5	77

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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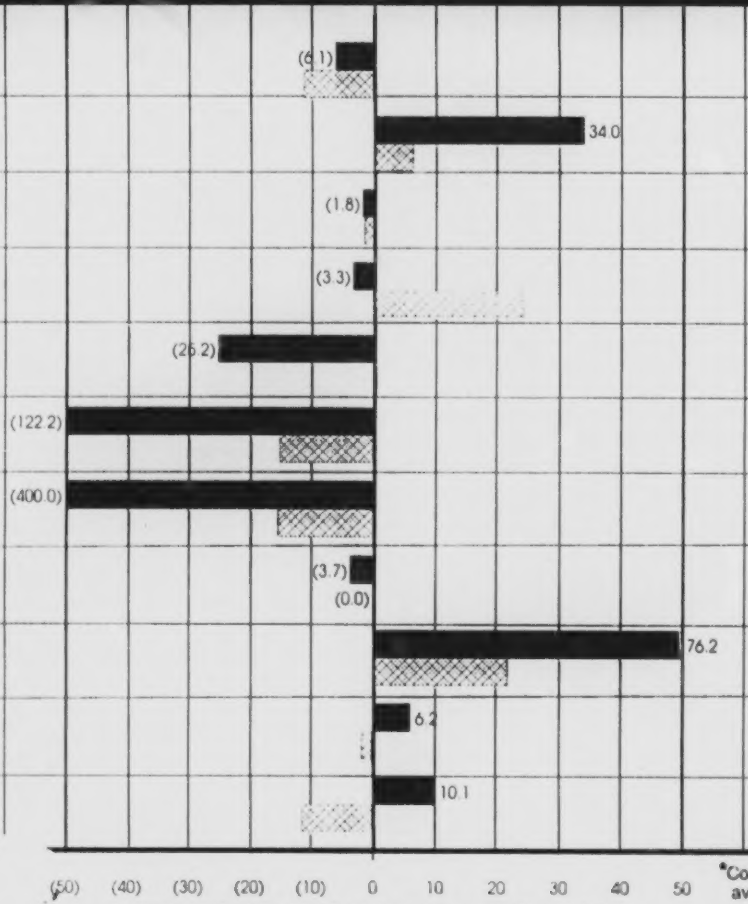
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	2,257	2,293	1.6
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	23.8	23.7	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.9	0.7	-22.2
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	33.9	30.5	-10.0
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	12.9	16.5	27.9
Median household income	1989 1993	$14,748	$15,242	3.3
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,422	1,515	6.5
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	6.7	6.9	3.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	37.3	34.2	-8.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	33.7	53.8	59.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	45.2	60.9	34.7
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	17.4	14.6	-16.1
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	80.4	88.0	9.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	11.7	13.0	11.1
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	41.0	50.1	22.2

Osage County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 1



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	24.5	26.0	33.3	18
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	10.3	6.8	20.2	4
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.7	5.8	6.9	47
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	9.1	9.4	7.8	68
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	37.3	46.7	33.5	93
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.7	6.0	13.7	5
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	0.3	1.5	4.5	17
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	93.5	90.1	76.9	12
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	8.4	2.0	10.7	1
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	6.5	6.1	53.5	2
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	90.1	81.0	80.5	55

[a]Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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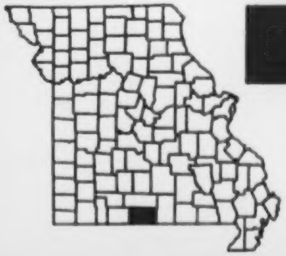
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	3,339	3,421	2.5
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	27.8	27.8	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.6	0.5	-16.7
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	11.3	9.5	-15.9
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	5.3	9.1	71.7
Median household income	1989 1993	$27,434	$27,456	0.1
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,638	1,694	3.4
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	5.0	4.8	-4.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	38.1	41.5	8.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	54.4	78.1	43.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	68.0	85.9	26.3
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	24.2	30.3	25.2
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	49.3	43.2	-12.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	2.1	2.8	33.3
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	8.3	11.1	33.7

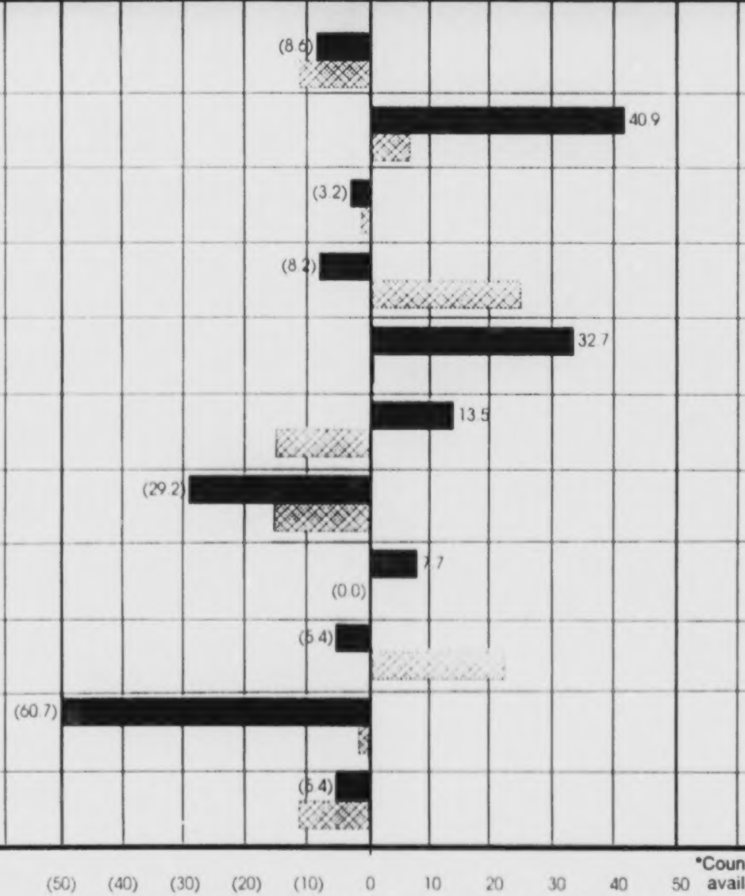


Ozark County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 55



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	49.8	54.1	33.3	106
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	26.9	15.9	20.2	28
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991[a]*	6.2	6.4	6.9	67
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991[a]*	11.0	11.9	7.8	87
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991[a]*	78.8	53.0	33.5	98
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	17.1	14.8	13.7	68
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.5	8.4	4.5	98
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	78.0	84.0	76.9	40
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	9.3	9.8	10.7	72
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	14.5	23.3	53.5	13
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991[a]*	68.4	72.1	80.5	50

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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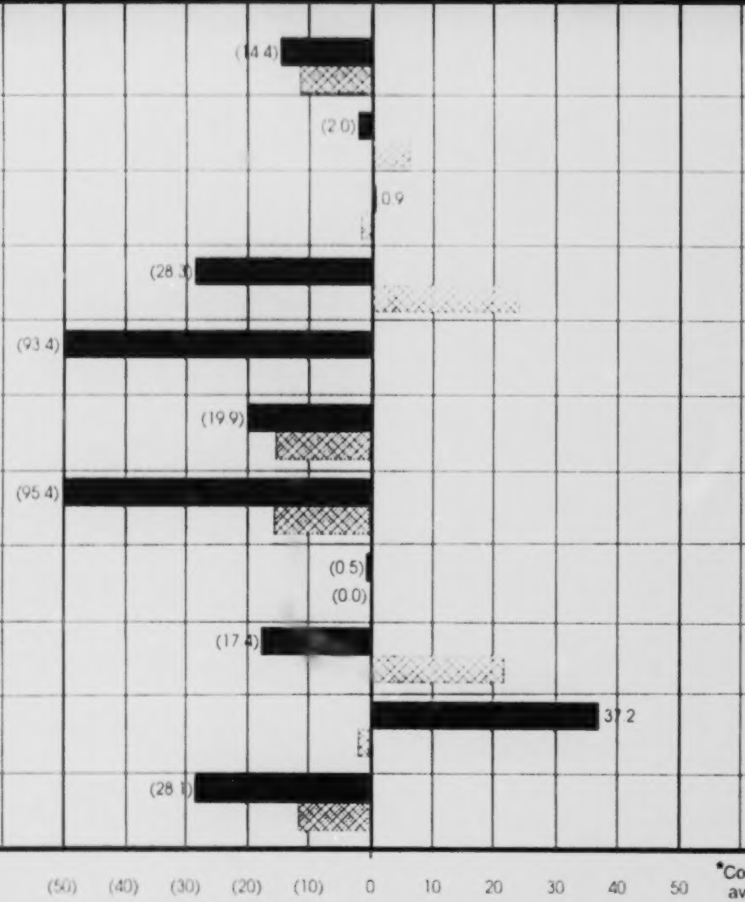
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	1,986	2,079	4.7
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	23.1	23.0	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.0	0.8	-20.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	28.8	23.4	-18.8
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	11.3	12.5	10.6
Median household income	1989 1993	$18,040	$18,864	4.6
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,110	1,233	11.1
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	7.0	6.8	-2.9
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	36.6	33.0	-9.8
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	50.7	67.8	33.7
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	67.4	70.9	5.2
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	8.3	8.3	0.0
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	30.3	29.2	-3.6
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	13.8	15.7	13.8
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	39.8	40.7	2.3

Pemiscot County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **114**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	56.1	64.2	33.3	114
Percent-birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	49.1	50.1	20.2	115
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	11.2	11.1	6.9	115
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	12.0	15.4	7.8	107
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	36.2	70.0	33.5	109
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	33.7	40.4	13.7	114
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.5	12.7	4.5	108
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	74.7	74.4	76.9	94
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	23.0	27.0	10.7	115
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	114.1	71.6	53.5	107
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	80.3	102.9	80.5	69

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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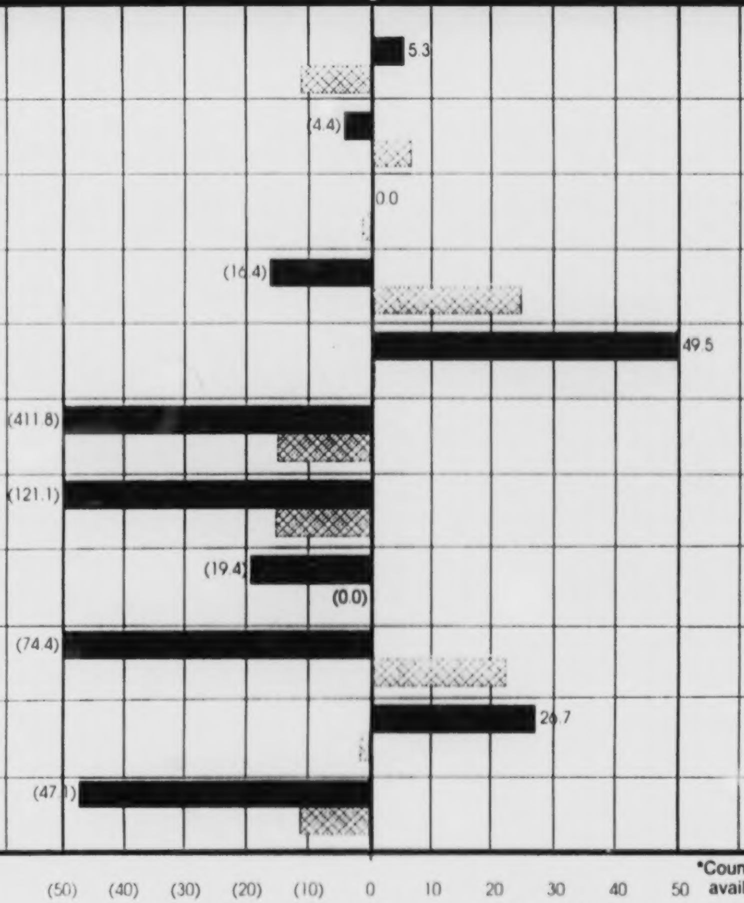
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	6,760	6,659	-1.5
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	30.8	30.7	-0.3
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	37.6	37.4	-0.5
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	46.0	50.2	9.1
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	27.0	33.0	22.2
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$15,414	$15,855	2.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	3,479	3,282	-5.7
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	8.5	12.9	51.8
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	41.1	35.2	-14.4
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	52.0	54.2	4.2
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	56.0	69.1	23.4
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	22.8	17.1	-25.0
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	66.2	66.6	0.6
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	35.0	36.3	3.7
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	65.9	68.2	3.5*

Perry County

Trend Data

▆ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 25



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	30.2	28.6	33.3	22
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	20.5	21.4	20.2	57
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	4.0	4.0	6.9	5
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	6.1	7.1	7.8	37
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	32.9	16.6	33.5	16
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	1.7	8.7	13.7	22
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	1.9	4.2	4.5	55
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	83.6	67.4	76.9	109
Percent of aii births to single teens *1990/1993*	8.2	14.3	10.7	105
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	43.5	31.9	53.5	31
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	47.1	69.3	80.5	46

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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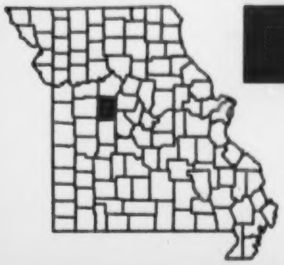
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	4,659	4,782	2.6
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	28.0	27.9	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.0	0.9	-10.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	12.1	13.1	8.3
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	7.9	12.2	54.4
Median household income	1989 1993	$26,164	$26,880	2.7
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	3,173	3,338	5.2
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	4.9	6.2	26.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	48.9	40.5	-17.2
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	64.6	77.4	19.8
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	58.7	77.7	32.4
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	13.7	19.7	43.8
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	23.4	20.5	-12.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	3.8	5.4	42.1
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	13.3	15.7	18.0

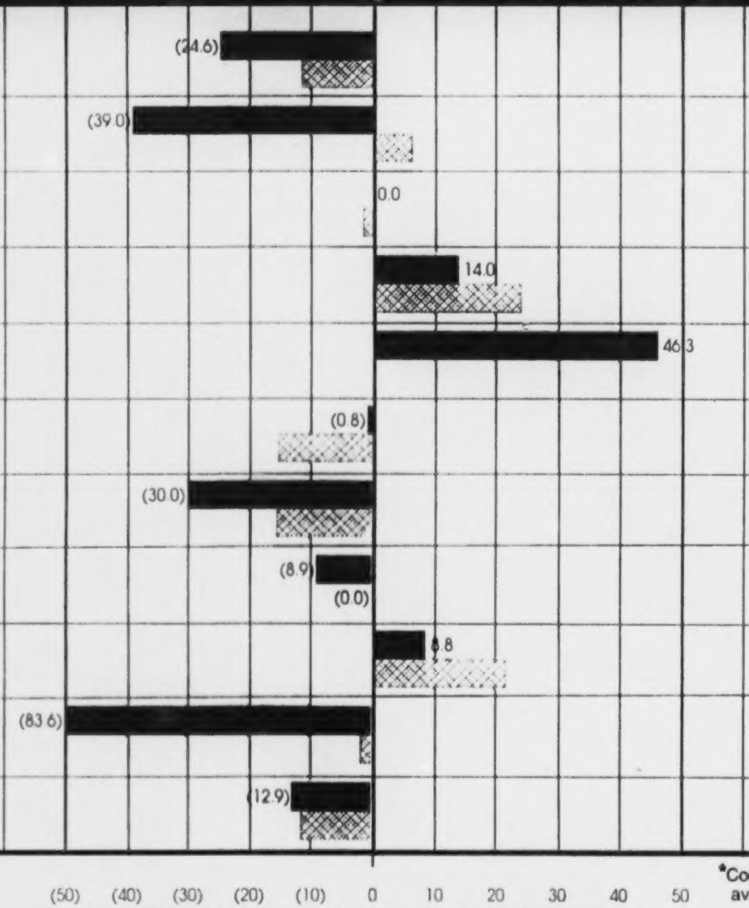


Pettis County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 96



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Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	29.7	37.0	33.3	64
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	19.5	27.1	20.2	81
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.0	6.0	6.9	52
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	10.0	8.6	7.8	57
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	36.5	19.6	33.5	24
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	13.2	13.3	13.7	61
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	5.0	6.5	4.5	86
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	85.0	77.4	76.9	76
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.4	10.4	10.7	78
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	37.9	69.6	53.5	103
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	52.9	59.7	80.5	33

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	9,215	9,401	2.0
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.0	26.0	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	5.5	5.1	-7.3
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	13.2	18.1	37.1
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	13.0	17.9	37.7
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$24,365	$24,364	0.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	8,894	9,273	4.3
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	6.8	7.9	16.2
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	45.0	41.1	-8.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	52.8	67.8	28.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	63.2	77.3	22.3
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	28.2	41.1	45.7
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	33.3	43.8	31.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	8.9	9.4	5.6
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	25.6	30.9	20.7

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[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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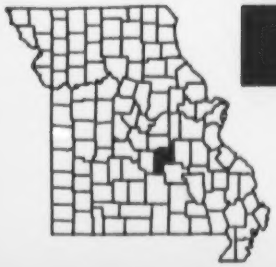
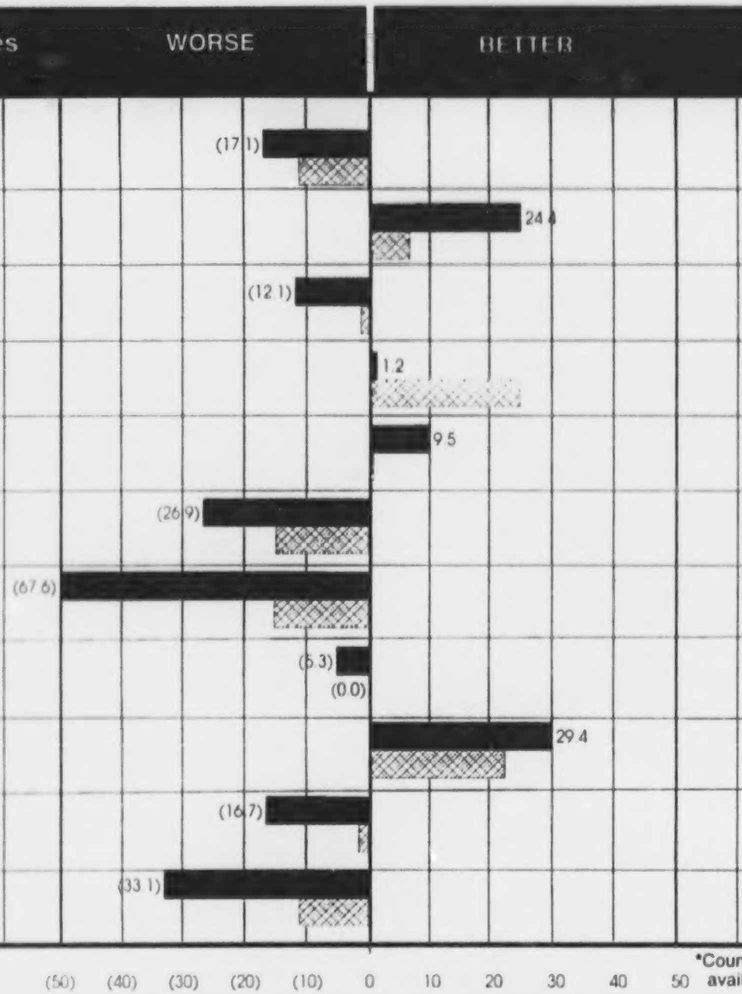


Phelps County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 58



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	29.2	34.2	33.3	47
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	23.4	17.7	20.2	38
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*ª	5.8	6.5	6.9	72
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*ª	8.3	8.2	7.8	50
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*ª	37.7	34.1	33.5	55
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	17.5	22.2	13.7	104
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.4	5.7	4.5	78
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	81.8	77.5	76.9	74
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.9	7.7	10.7	33
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	37.1	43.3	53.5	60
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*ª	81.5	108.5	80.5	73

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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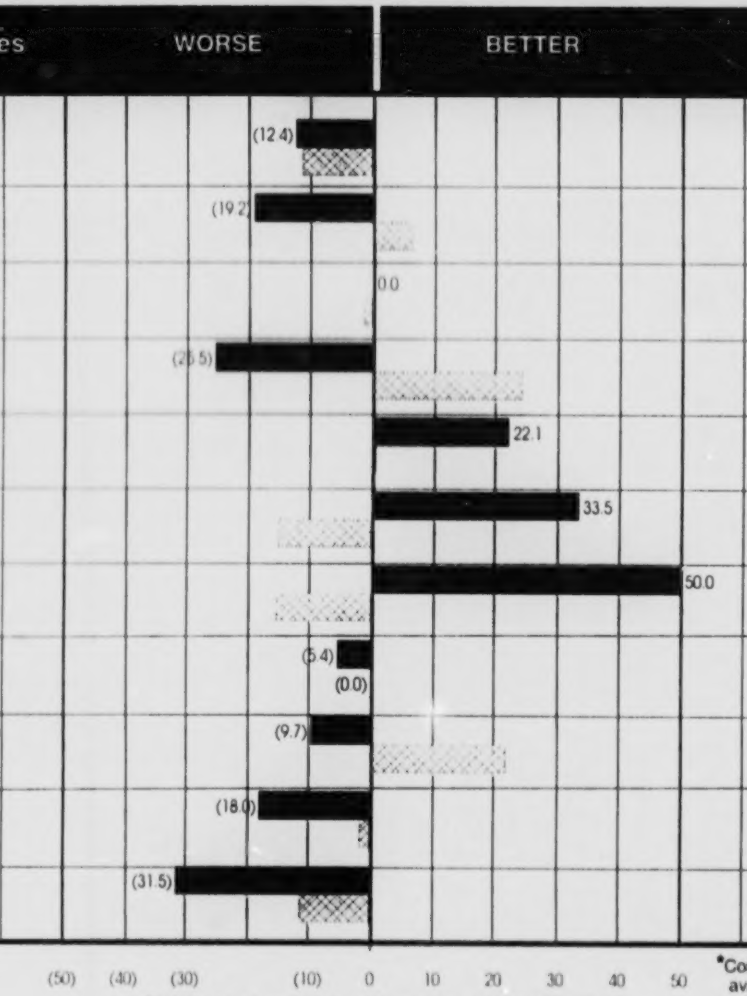
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	8,422	8,859	5.2
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	23.9	24.0	0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	3.9	3.5	-10.3
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	12.6	23.6	87.3
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	12.3	17.9	45.5
Median household income	1989 1993	$22,906	$23,117	0.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	8,745	9,000	2.9
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	4.9	6.6	34.7
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	46.1	42.4	-8.0
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	52.6	58.5	11.2
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	63.0	74.5	18.3
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	24.6	26.9	9.3
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	18.6	28.7	54.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	8.8	11.2	27.3
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	24.0	30.8	28.3

Pike County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 77



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	25.0	28.1	33.3	21
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	26.6	31.7	20.2	99
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.4	6.4	6.9	67
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	11.0	13.8	7.8	100
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	45.7	35.6	33.5	58
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	18.8	12.5	13.7	56
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.8	1.4	4.5	10
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	87.9	83.1	76.9	47
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	12.4	13.6	10.7	103
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	40.6	47.9	53.5	72
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	110.4	145.2	80.5	90

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**4,356**	**4,406**	1.1
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	27.3	27.1	-0.7
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	6.5	6.3	-3.1
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	21.6	26.0	20.4
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	10.7	16.9	57.9
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$23,357	$22,670	-2.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,713	2,914	7.4
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	7.2	8.5	18.1
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	38.0	40.7	7.1
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	46.1	61.6	33.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	62.6	82.2	31.3
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	21.9	23.0	5.0
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	29.2	32.1	9.9
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	9.9	8.9	-10.1
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	25.4	26.6	4.7

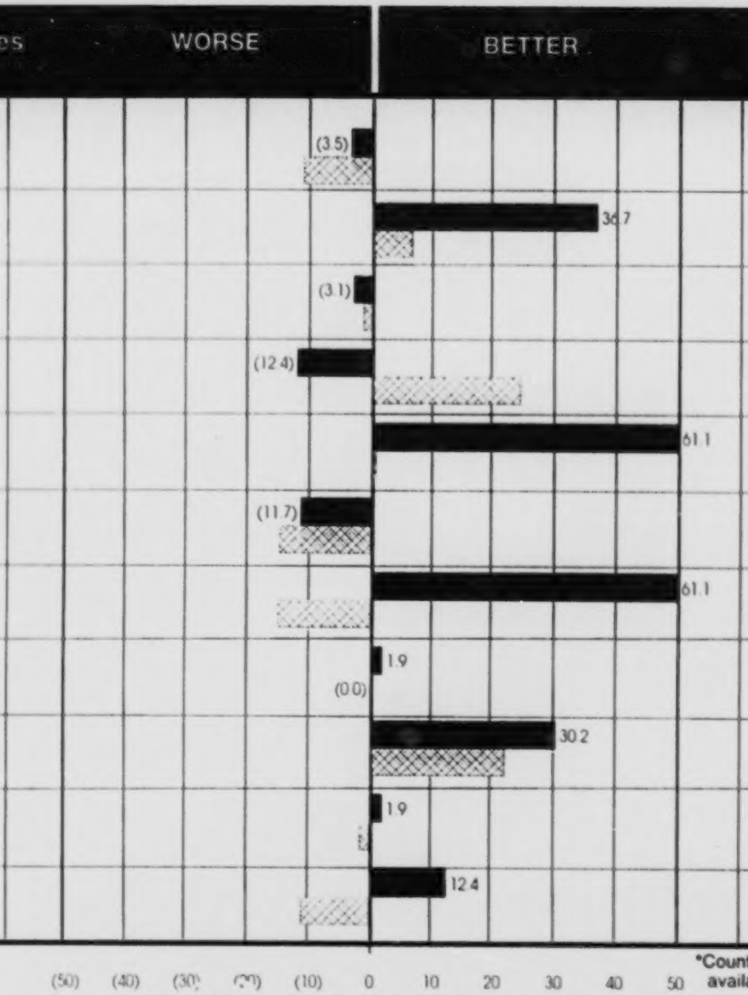
Platte County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county

▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank* 7



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	11.3	11.7	33.3	1
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	18.0	11.4	20.2	11
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991#*	6.4	6.6	6.9	76
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991#*	8.9	10.0	7.8	73
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991#*	34.7	13.5	33.5	10
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	9.4	10.5	13.7	42
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	1.8	0.7	4.5	4
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	83.7	85.2	76.9	35
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	9.6	6.7	10.7	20
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	41.4	40.6	53.5	50
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991#*	72.3	63.3	80.5	38

#Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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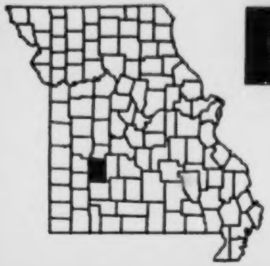
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**15,203**	**16,931**	**11.4**
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.3	26.3	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	5.9	4.9	-16.9
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	5.3	7.9	49.1
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	11.8	14.9	26.3
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$42,081	$41,928	-0.4
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	13,474	14,235	5.6
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	4.2	4.0	-4.8
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	48.9	51.7	5.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	49.5	67.4	36.2
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	64.3	79.5	23.6
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	26.6	28.7	7.9
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	30.2	27.6	-8.6
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	2.4	3.9	62.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	9.5	13.0	36.8



Polk County

Trend Data

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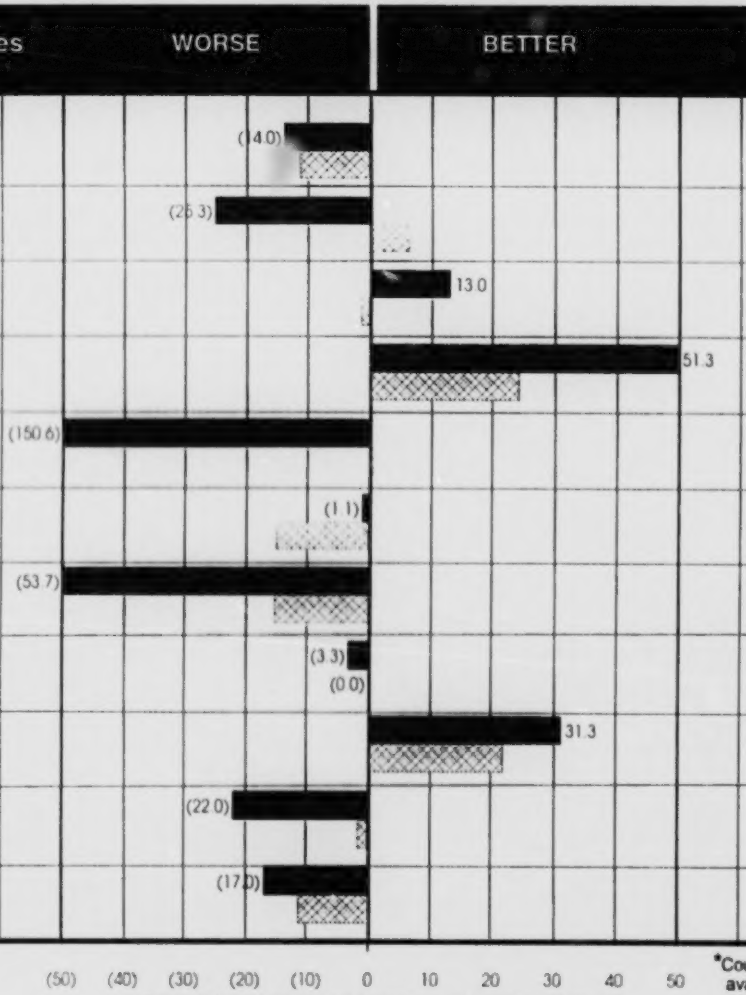
Composite County Rank | **12**



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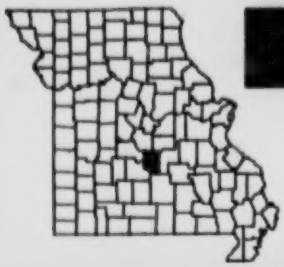
Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	33.6	38.3	33.3	68
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	17.0	21.3	20.2	56
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991ª*	4.6	4.0	6.9	5
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991ª*	15.2	7.4	7.8	40
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991ª*	31.0	77.7	33.5	111
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	8.8	8.9	13.7	26
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.1	6.3	4.5	85
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	84.4	81.6	76.9	53
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	6.7	4.6	10.7	9
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	11.8	14.4	53.5	7
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991ª*	51.9	60.7	80.5	35

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

*County Rank is based on most recent available data, **1=best, 115=worst**.

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	5,359	5,682	6.0
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	24.6	24.7	0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.5	1.3	-13.3
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	18.6	19.3	3.8
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	8.7	13.5	55.2
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$20,584	$20,736	0.7
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	4,347	4,722	8.6
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	5.0	5.8	16.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	44.5	49.2	10.6
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	48.3	57.5	19.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	57.7	73.8	27.9
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	17.4	19.5	12.1
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	23.4	22.5	-3.8
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	8.0	8.8	10.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	25.7	31.1	21.0



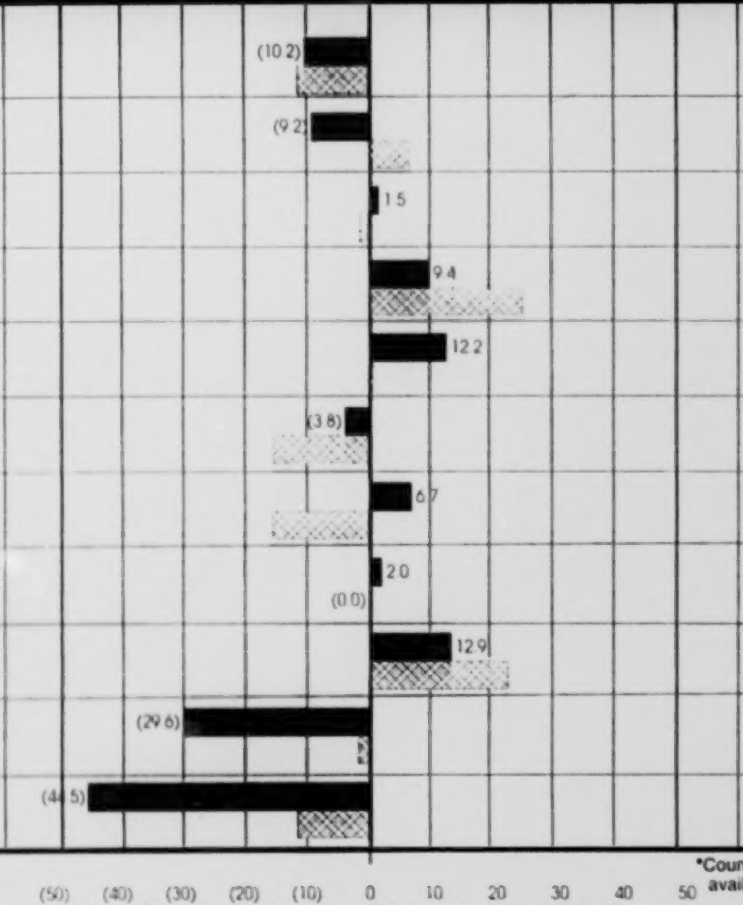
Pulaski County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county

▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 59



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	37.3	41.1	33.3	82
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	14.2	15.5	20.2	25
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991#*	6.6	6.5	6.9	72
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991#*	11.7	10.6	7.8	78
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991#*	46.9	41.2	33.5	78
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	10.5	10.9	13.7	43
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.5	4.2	4.5	55
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	83.9	85.6	76.9	31
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.1	8.8	10.7	55
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	36.2	46.9	53.5	69
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991#*	42.9	62.0	80.5	37

#Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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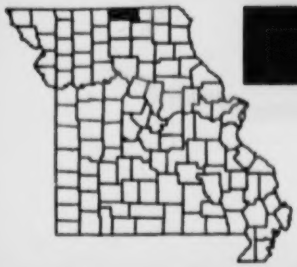
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	11,922	13,093	9.8
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	28.9	29.0	0.3
Percent minority children	1990 1993	21.6	19.1	-11.6
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	18.6	18.7	0.5
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	11.1	14.3	28.8
Median household income	1989 1993	$23,593	$24,549	4.1
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	5,902	6,092	3.2
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	7.1	9.2	29.6
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	42.9	43.2	0.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	43.1	54.4	26.2
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	56.8	73.6	29.6
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	10.8	26.6	146.3
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	18.0	25.8	43.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	5.5	7.6	38.2
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	21.6	25.5	18.1

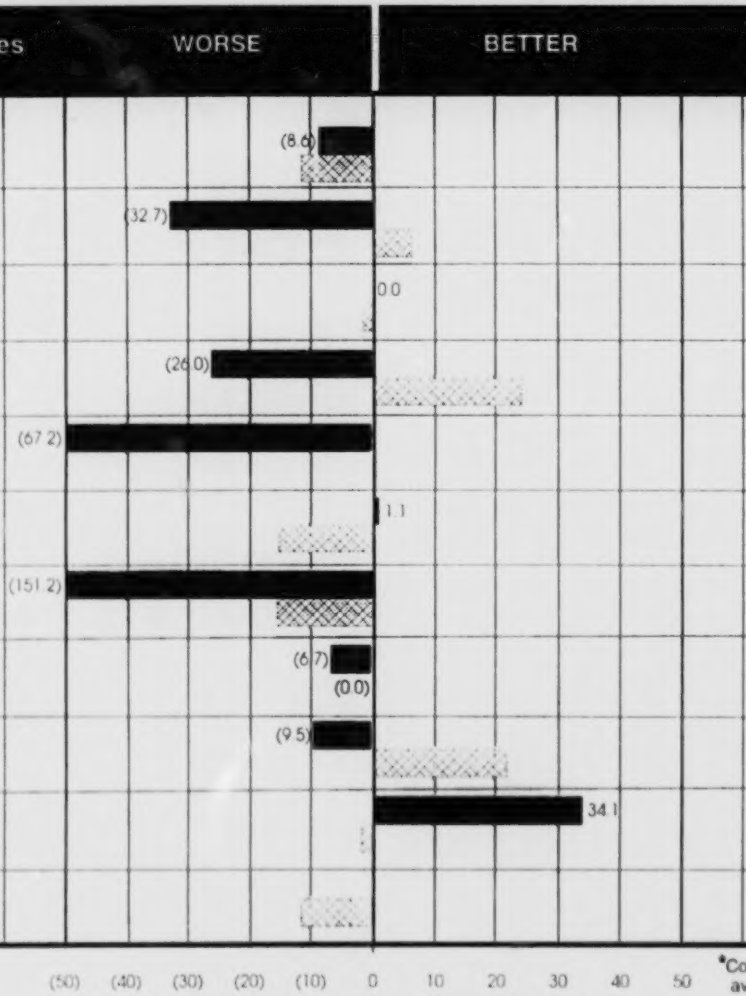


Putnam County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 72



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	37.4	40.6	33.3	81
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	15.6	20.7	20.2	51
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*ª	6.4	6.4	6.9	67
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*ª	15.0	18.9	7.8	115
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*ª	41.2	68.9	33.5	107
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	18.2	18.0	13.7	89
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.3	10.8	4.5	102
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	95.2	88.8	76.9	18
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	6.3	6.9	10.7	22
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	46.4	30.6	53.5	27
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*ª	0.0	129.2	80.5	84

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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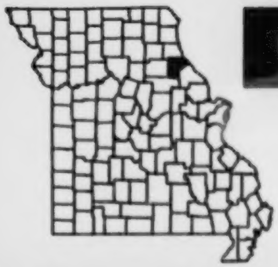
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	1,151	1,132	-1.7
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	22.7	22.5	-0.9
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	0.7	0.4	-42.9
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	22.0	23.2	5.5
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	7.4	13.9	87.8
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$17,179	$16,927	-1.5
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	418	665	59.1
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	4.8	5.4	12.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	43.4	46.0	6.0
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	48.3	62.0	28.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	56.1	78.2	39.4
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	48.3	44.4	-8.1
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	33.9	50.8	49.9
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	6.6	10.1	53.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	21.5	34.5	60.5

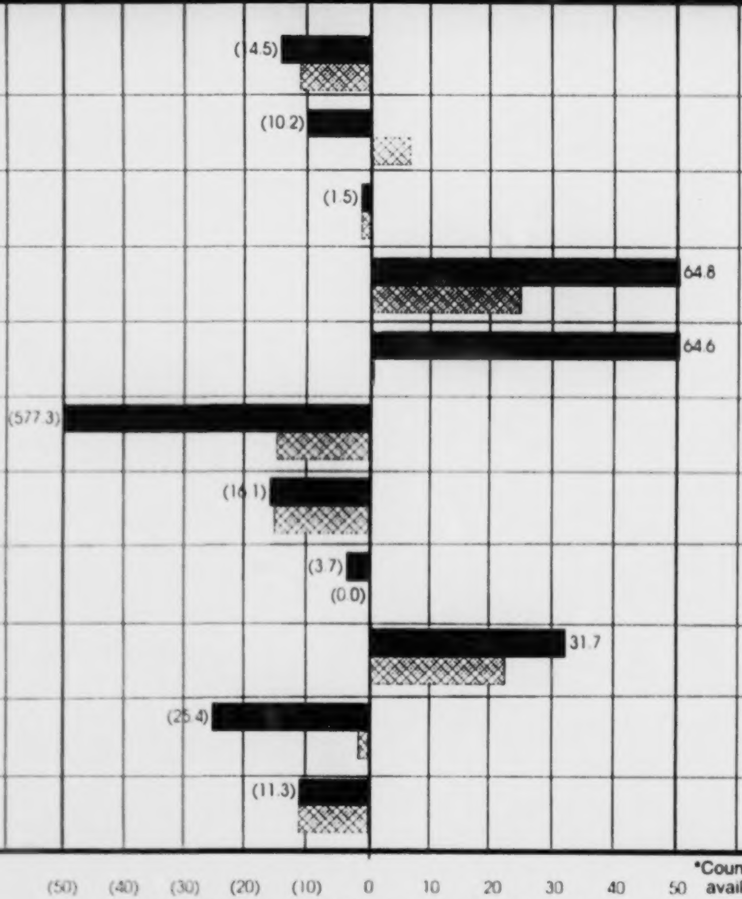


Ralls County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank	16



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	22.8	26.1	33.3	19
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	13.7	15.1	20.2	24
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991ª*	6.5	6.6	6.9	76
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991ª*	5.4	1.9	7.8	2
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991ª*	32.5	11.5	33.5	8
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.2	14.9	13.7	69
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.1	3.6	4.5	41
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	84.3	81.2	76.9	57
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	6.3	4.3	10.7	5
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	31.9	40.0	53.5	46
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991ª*	61.3	68.2	80.5	44

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	2,250	2,303	2.4
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	26.5	26.4	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.6	1.7	6.3
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	7.8	11.6	48.7
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	5.1	10.5	105.9
Median household income	1989 1993	$24,203	$23,970	-1.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,130	1,352	19.6
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	6.6	6.1	-7.6
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	34.9	38.7	10.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	36.0	64.6	79.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	56.9	77.6	36.4
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	2.7	48.9	1711.1
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	62.5	50.3	-19.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	5.8	8.5	46.6
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	22.5	26.0	15.6

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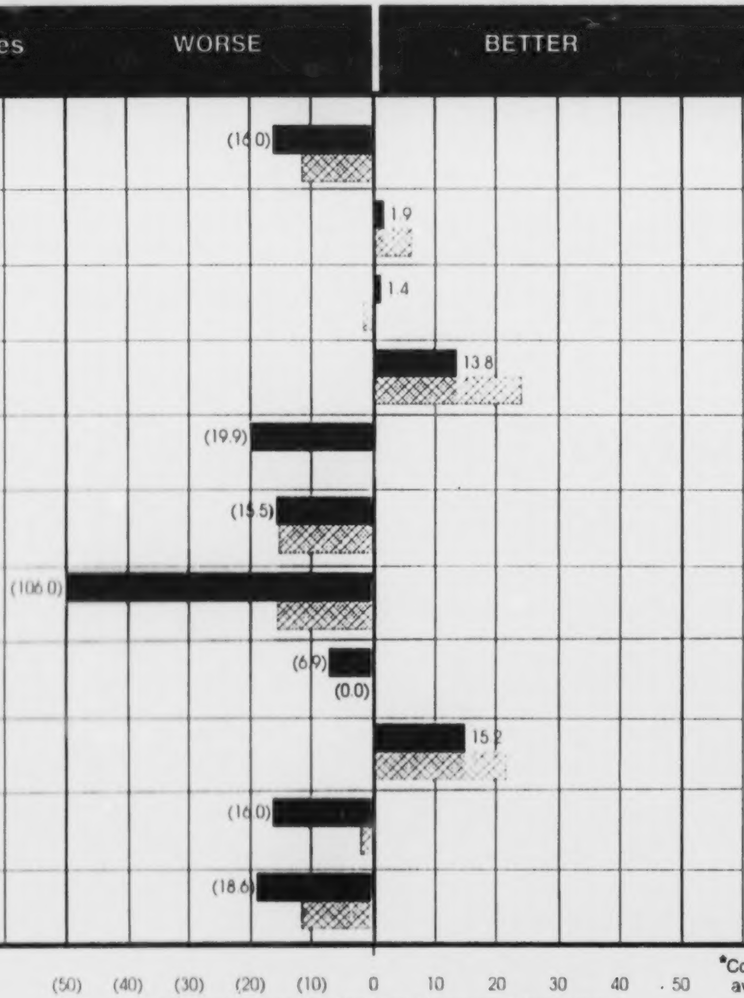
Randolph County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 107



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	33.1	38.4	33.3	71
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	25.7	25.2	20.2	73
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.9	6.8	6.9	84
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	10.9	9.4	7.8	68
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	31.6	37.9	33.5	70
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	16.1	18.6	13.7	94
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.7	13.8	4.5	110
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	73.4	68.3	76.9	108
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	14.5	12.3	10.7	97
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	61.1	70.9	53.5	106
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	32.8	38.9	80.5	19

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	6,088	5,994	-1.5
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	25.0	24.9	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	7.3	7.0	-4.1
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	15.8	20.6	30.4
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	13.0	18.3	40.8
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$23,799	$23,922	0.5
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	5,593	5,651	1.0
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	5.7	8.3	45.6
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	40.5	36.8	-9.1
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	55.4	71.6	29.2
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	59.4	76.1	28.1
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	18.3	20.9	14.2
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	18.5	34.3	85.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	11.0	15.2	38.2
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	28.6	38.5	34.6

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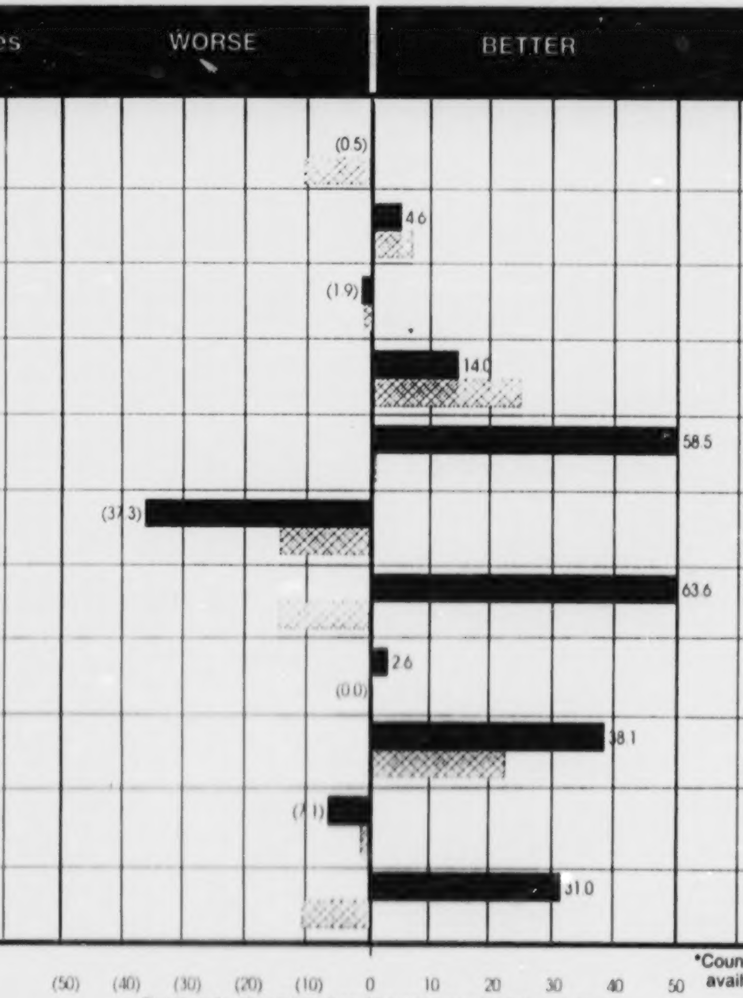
[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

Ray County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 48



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	21.8	21.9	33.3	8
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	21.7	20.7	20.2	51
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.3	5.4	6.9	31
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	9.3	8.0	7.8	47
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	50.1	20.8	33.5	26
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	11.8	16.2	13.7	79
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.2	0.8	4.5	6
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	83.2	85.3	76.9	34
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	13.4	8.3	10.7	46
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	52.1	55.8	53.5	89
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	92.0	63.5	80.5	39

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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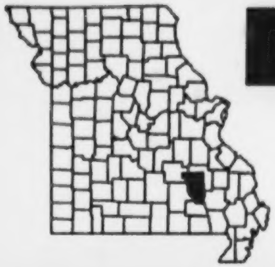
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	**6,264**	**6,257**	-0.1
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	28.5	28.4	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	2.9	2.5	-13.8
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	9.2	13.0	41.3
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	7.6	13.6	78.9
Median household income	1989 1993	$30,026	$30,083	0.2
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	2,526	2,728	8.0
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	7.6	6.9	-9.2
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	49.5	48.5	-2.0
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	42.9	54.7	27.5
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	60.1	69.6	15.8
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	16.5	21.9	32.7
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	25.9	27.5	6.2
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	5.9	6.6	11.9
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	18.4	20.6	12.0

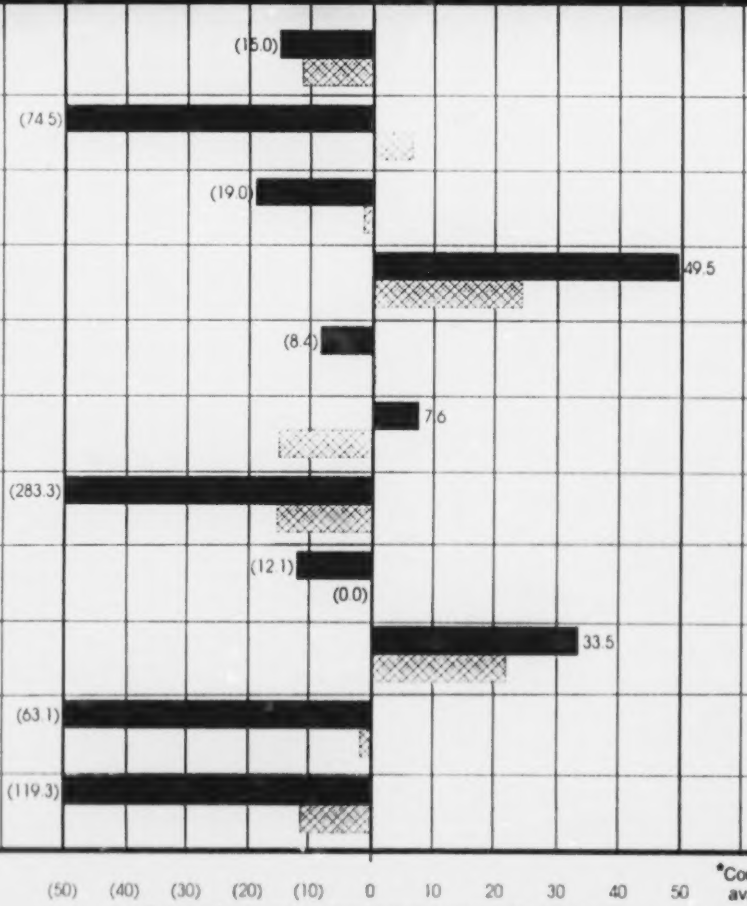


Reynolds County

Trend Data

▆ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 101



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	50.0	57.5	33.3	109
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	23.5	41.0	20.2	112
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991ª*	5.8	6.9	6.9	90
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991ª*	10.1	5.1	7.8	14
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991ª*	41.8	45.3	33.5	89
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	17.1	15.8	13.7	76
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	0.6	2.3	4.5	26
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	88.0	77.4	76.9	77
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	17.3	11.5	10.7	94
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	27.1	44.2	53.5	62
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991ª*	36.7	80.5	80.5	54

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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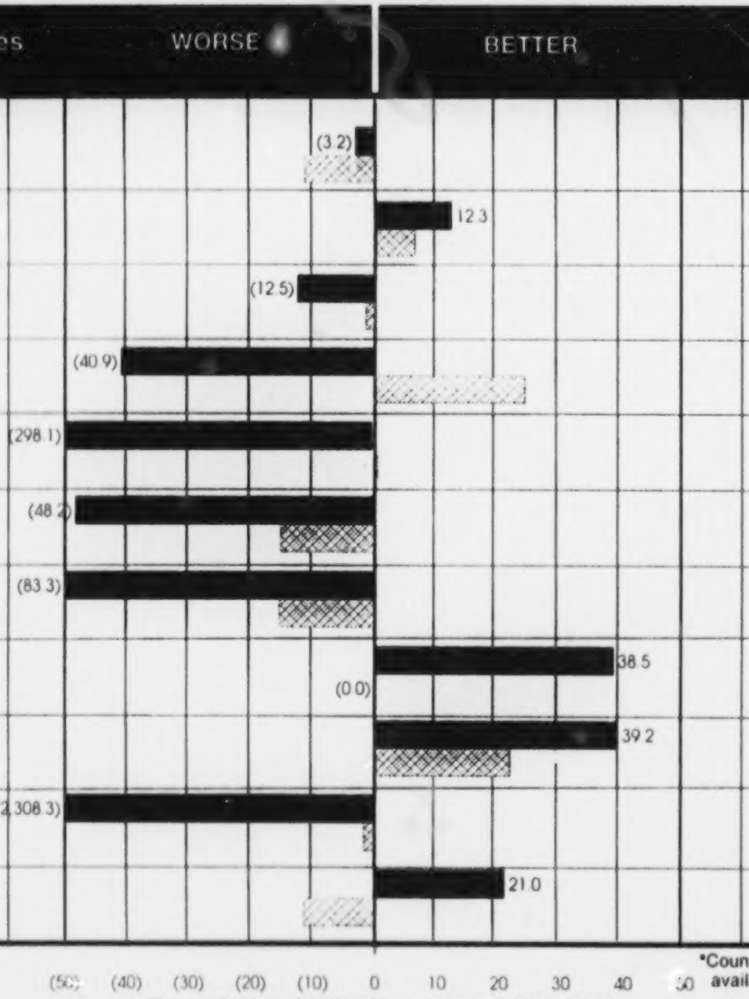
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	1,754	1,748	-0.3
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.3	26.3	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	0.5	0.4	-20.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	26.7	32.4	21.3
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	7.7	15.6	102.6
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$18,840	$19,620	4.1
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	287	768	167.6
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	9.0	8.1	-10.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	43.5	36.6	-15.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	36.4	35.9	-1.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	36.1	57.1	58.2
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	0.0	0.0	ERR
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	51.5	66.7	29.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	15.7	16.1	2.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	39.2	40.3	2.8

Ripley County

Trend Data

- ▮ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 110



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	56.8	58.6	33.3	111
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 1990/1993	38.2	33.5	20.2	104
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991ª	7.2	8.1	6.9	107
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991ª	11.5	16.2	7.8	109
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991ª	16.0	63.7	33.5	106
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	13.9	20.6	13.7	101
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	1.8	3.3	4.5	37
High school completion rate 1991/1993	60.1	83.3	76.9	44
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	15.3	9.3	10.7	66
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	2.4	57.8	53.5	92
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991ª	84.3	66.6	80.5	42

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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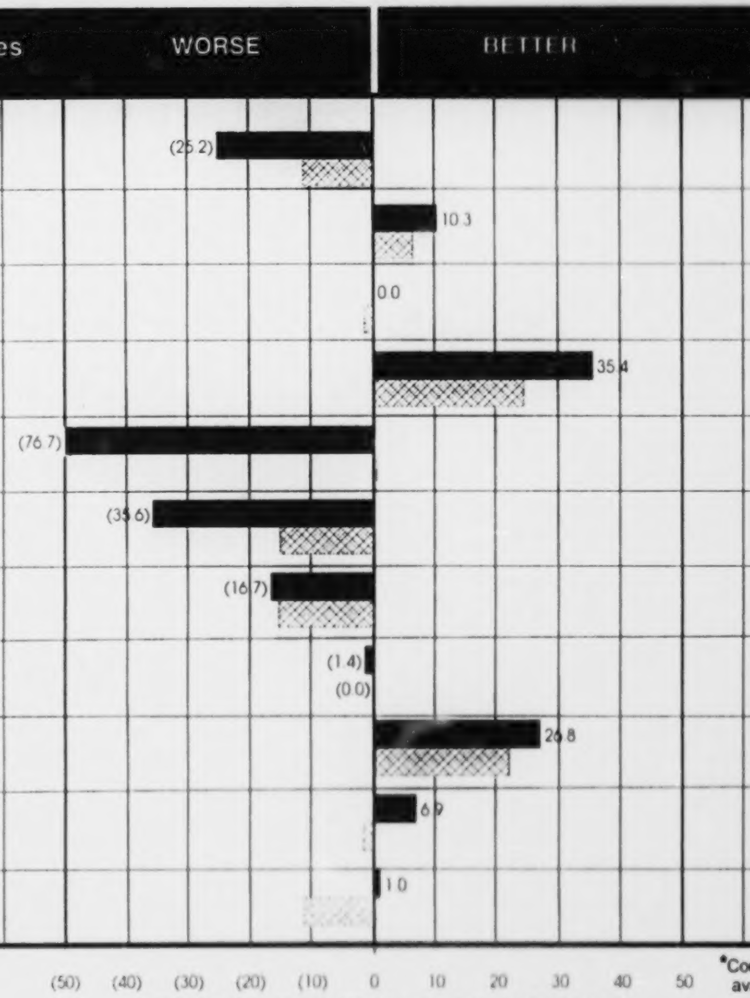
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	3,305	3,464	4.8
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	26.9	26.7	-0.7
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.0	0.8	-20.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	37.3	42.2	13.1
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	13.0	19.8	52.3
Median household income	1989 1993	$15,272	$15,866	3.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,276	1,316	3.1
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	7.0	10.6	51.4
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	37.0	37.1	0.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	45.4	41.4	-8.8
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	50.4	65.7	30.4
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	5.7	11.3	98.2
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	30.4	32.4	6.6
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	22.8	26.0	14.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	55.6	62.0	11.5

St. Charles County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **4**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent-students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	11.1	13.9	33.3	2
Percent-birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	10.7	9.6	20.2	7
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	4.9	4.9	6.9	20
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	8.2	5.3	7.8	18
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	21.0	37.1	33.5	63
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	7.3	9.9	13.7	38
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	1.2	1.4	4.5	10
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	79.8	78.6	76.9	68
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	8.2	6.0	10.7	17
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	43.6	40.6	53.5	50
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	60.5	59.9	80.5	34

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**64,067**	**70,815**	**10.5**
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	30.1	30.1	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	4.2	3.8	-9.5
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	5.0	5.9	18.0
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	8.8	12.5	42.0
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$44,436	$45,238	1.8
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	48,119	51,415	6.8
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	4.9	5.6	14.3
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	46.7	45.4	-2.8
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	48.1	63.4	31.8
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	65.4	80.0	22.3
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	32.5	40.6	24.9
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	11.6	20.9	80.2
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	3.1	4.5	45.2
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	8.3	11.4	37.3

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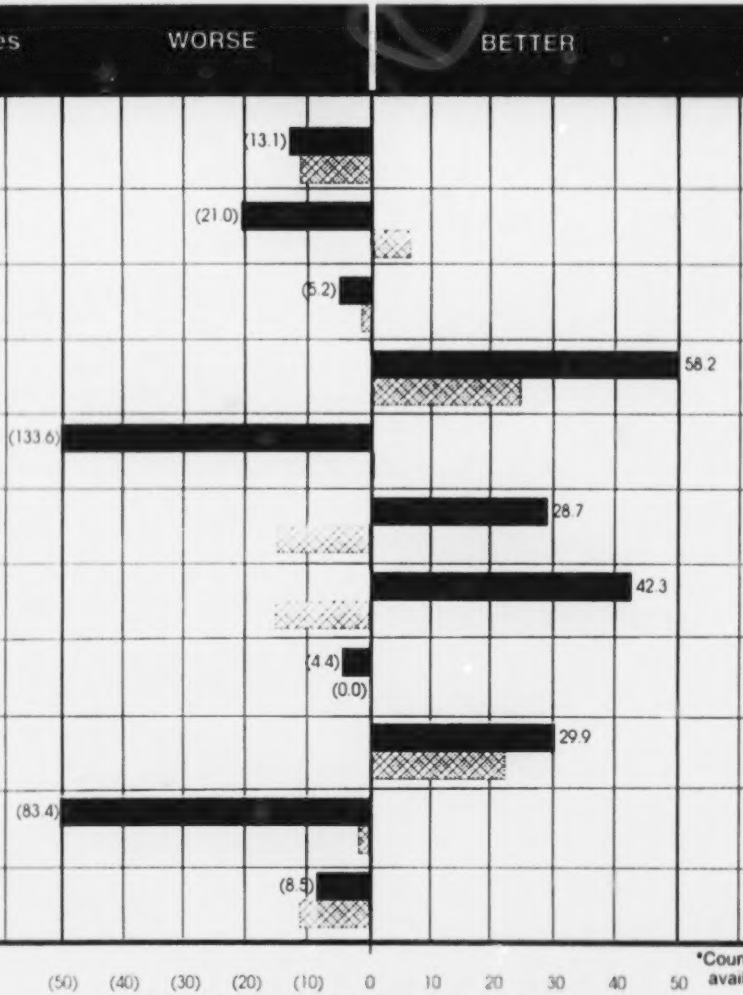
St. Clair County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 78



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	40.4	45.7	33.3	92
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	27.2	32.9	20.2	102
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.8	6.1	6.9	55
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	14.6	6.1	7.8	24
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	13.1	30.6	33.5	44
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	10.1	7.2	13.7	12
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	7.1	4.1	4.5	52
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	87.0	83.2	76.9	46
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.7	8.2	10.7	40
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	25.3	46.4	53.5	67
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	99.5	108.0	80.5	72

[a]Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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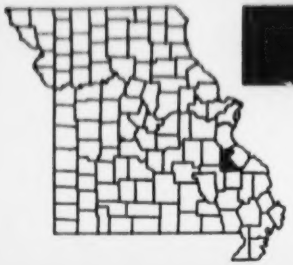
*County Rank is based on most recent available data, **1=best, 115=worst**.

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	**1,976**	**2,027**	**2.6**
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	23.4	23.2	-0.9
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.5	0.5	0.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	24.8	29.7	19.8
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	11.3	14.6	29.2
Median household income	1989 1993	$19,008	$19,560	2.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,587	1,469	-7.4
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	8.0	7.3	-8.8
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	44.7	39.9	-10.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	54.2	62.5	15.3
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	57.3	80.1	39.8
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	25.0	24.7	-1.2
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	11.9	30.7	158.0
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	9.9	15.0	51.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	33.0	38.7	17.3

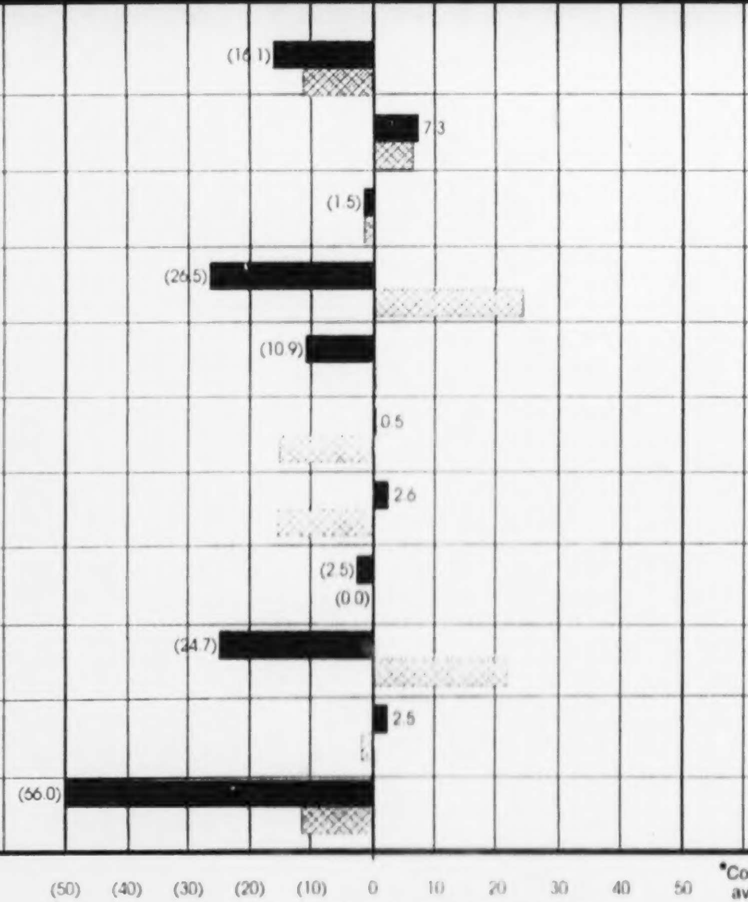


St. Francois County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank | **90**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	30.5	35.4	33.3	55
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	30.1	27.9	20.2	87
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.5	6.6	6.9	76
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	6.8	8.6	7.8	57
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	31.1	34.5	33.5	56
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	18.4	18.3	13.7	91
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.9	3.8	4.5	45
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	75.5	73.6	76.9	96
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	8.9	11.1	10.7	87
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	60.1	58.6	53.5	95
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	51.2	85.0	80.5	58

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	12,448	13,104	5.3
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	25.5	25.5	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.0	0.8	-20.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	17.3	21.5	24.3
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	11.7	18.6	59.0
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$22,861	$22,598	-1.2
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	9,844	10,265	4.3
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	8.8	10.7	21.6
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	46.4	41.1	-11.4
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	45.8	56.0	22.3
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	58.2	68.4	17.5
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	32.9	38.7	17.6
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	31.9	37.8	18.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	12.5	14.8	18.4
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	32.5	38.6	18.8

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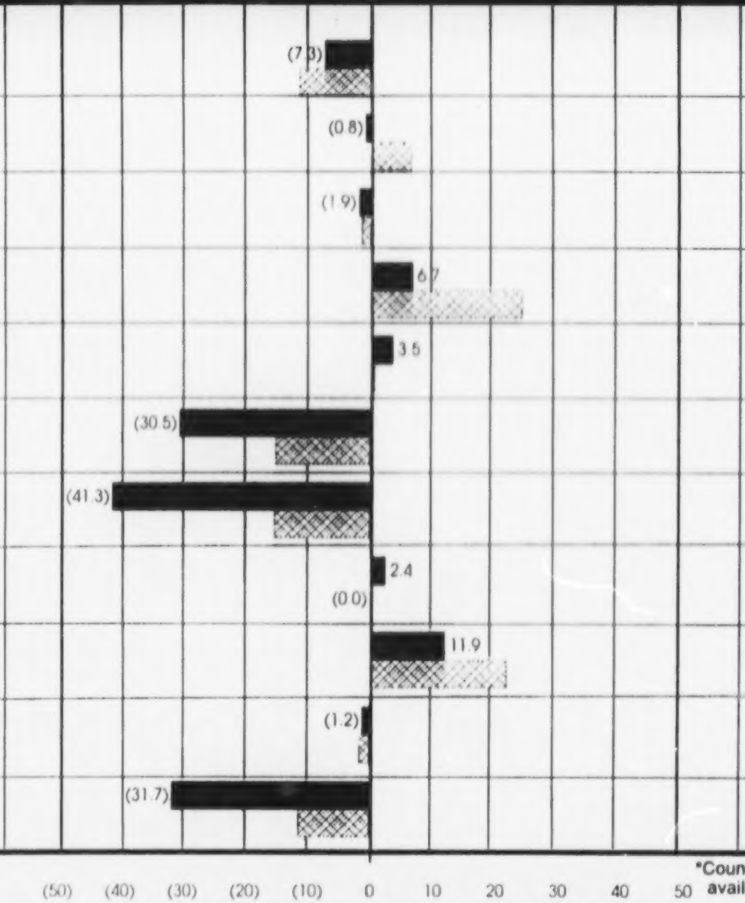
St. Louis City

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 115



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	77.0	82.6	33.3	115
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	37.0	37.3	20.2	110
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	10.7	10.9	6.9	114
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	15.0	14.0	7.8	101
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	53.9	52.0	33.5	96
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	25.6	33.4	13.7	113
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	8.0	11.3	4.5	103
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	52.1	53.3	76.9	115
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	26.0	22.9	10.7	114
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	89.1	90.2	53.5	113
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	77.4	101.9	80.5	68

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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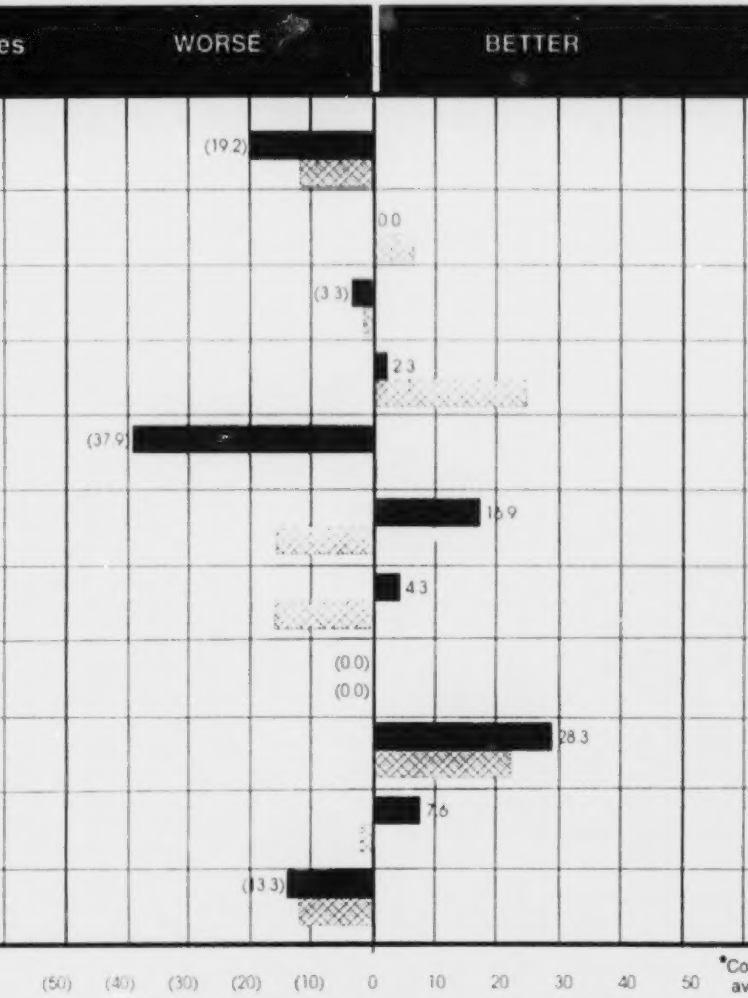
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	100,040	97,055	-3.0
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	25.2	25.3	0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	63.5	63.1	-0.6
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	33.7	39.3	16.6
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	37.6	42.6	13.3
Median household income	1989 1993	$21,557	$21,981	2.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	154,390	151,167	-2.1
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	8.2	9.3	13.4
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	42.9	37.2	-13.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	53.4	61.9	15.9
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	65.3	73.2	12.1
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	37.7	42.8	13.5
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	40.8	49.3	20.8
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	38.5	44.7	16.1
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	63.6	71.1	11.8

St. Louis County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 44



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	21.3	25.4	33.3	14
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	11.1	11.1	20.2	8
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991ª*	6.0	6.2	6.9	59
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991ª*	8.6	8.4	7.8	53
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991ª*	24.0	33.1	33.5	51
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	7.1	5.9	13.7	4
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.3	2.2	4.5	25
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	82.0	82.0	76.9	51
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.6	7.6	10.7	31
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	74.7	69.0	53.5	101
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991ª*	50.5	57.2	80.5	31

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	244,395	250,597	2.5
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	24.6	24.7	0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	20.7	20.5	-1.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	5.9	7.4	25.4
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	13.6	16.9	24.3
Median household income	1989 1993	$42,080	$42,502	1.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	379,976	388,838	2.3
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	4.3	4.9	14.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	45.8	43.5	-5.0
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	48.8	65.9	35.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	64.1	78.0	21.7
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	35.1	39.4	12.3
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	27.1	33.6	24.0
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	5.6	8.3	48.2
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	11.6	15.7	35.3

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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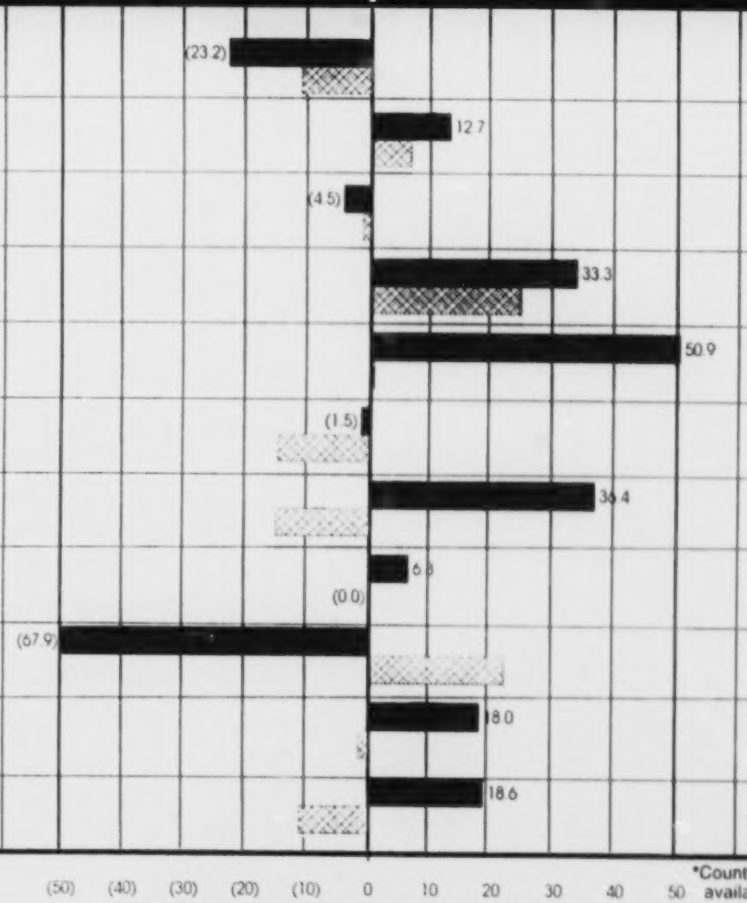
Ste. Genevieve County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 23



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	26.3	32.4	33.3	39
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 1990/1993	16.5	14.4	20.2	22
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991ª	4.4	4.6	6.9	10
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991ª	10.8	7.2	7.8	38
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991ª	28.9	14.2	33.5	12
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	6.5	6.6	13.7	8
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	1.1	0.7	4.5	4
High school completion rate 1991/1993	87.3	92.8	76.9	9
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	5.3	8.9	10.7	56
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	52.9	43.4	53.5	61
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991ª	110.6	90.0	80.5	64

ªAverages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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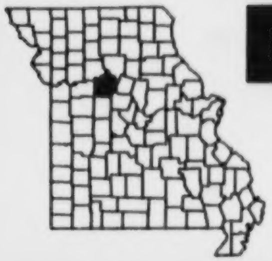
Key Facts		Base* Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	**4,489**	**4,599**	**2.5**
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	28.0	27.9	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.8	0.7	-12.5
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	13.2	14.7	11.4
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	6.7	11.7	74.6
Median household income	1989 1993	$29,560	$29,430	-0.4
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	2,031	2,272	11.9
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	6.8	7.7	13.2
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	46.7	40.9	-12.4
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	53.3	67.3	26.3
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	63.5	74.8	17.8
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	16.4	19.6	19.5
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	19.6	20.6	5.1
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	5.4	7.0	29.6
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	14.1	18.7	32.6

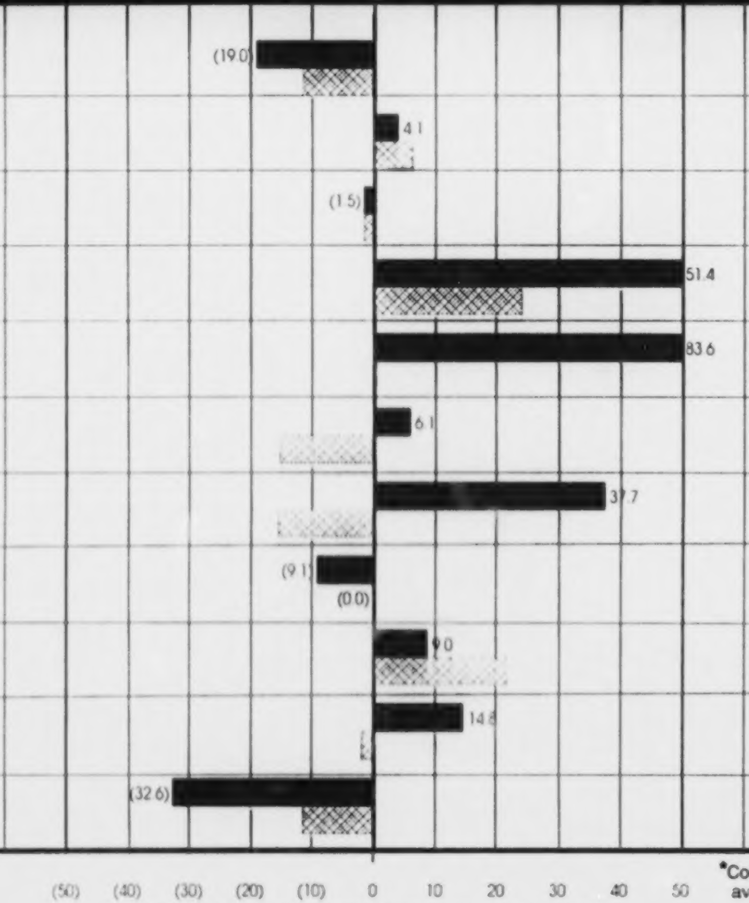


Saline County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank | 102



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	33.2	39.5	33.3	77
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	29.0	27.8	20.2	86
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.7	6.8	6.9	84
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	14.4	7.0	7.8	35
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	51.1	8.4	33.5	4
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	16.4	15.4	13.7	73
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.1	3.8	4.5	45
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	83.4	75.8	76.9	88
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	17.8	16.2	10.7	109
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	78.9	67.2	53.5	100
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	52.8	70.0	80.5	48

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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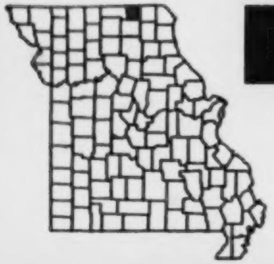
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**5,902**	**5,729**	**-2.9**
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	25.1	25.1	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	6.9	6.5	-5.8
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	12.7	18.4	44.9
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	12.8	18.5	44.5
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$23,943	$23,977	0.1
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	5,218	5,335	2.2
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	7.1	6.3	-11.3
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	47.7	43.5	-8.8
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	56.3	76.8	36.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	72.1	78.6	9.0
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	13.3	12.8	-3.8
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	30.3	48.6	60.4
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	8.0	11.7	48.3
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	22.9	32.1	40.2

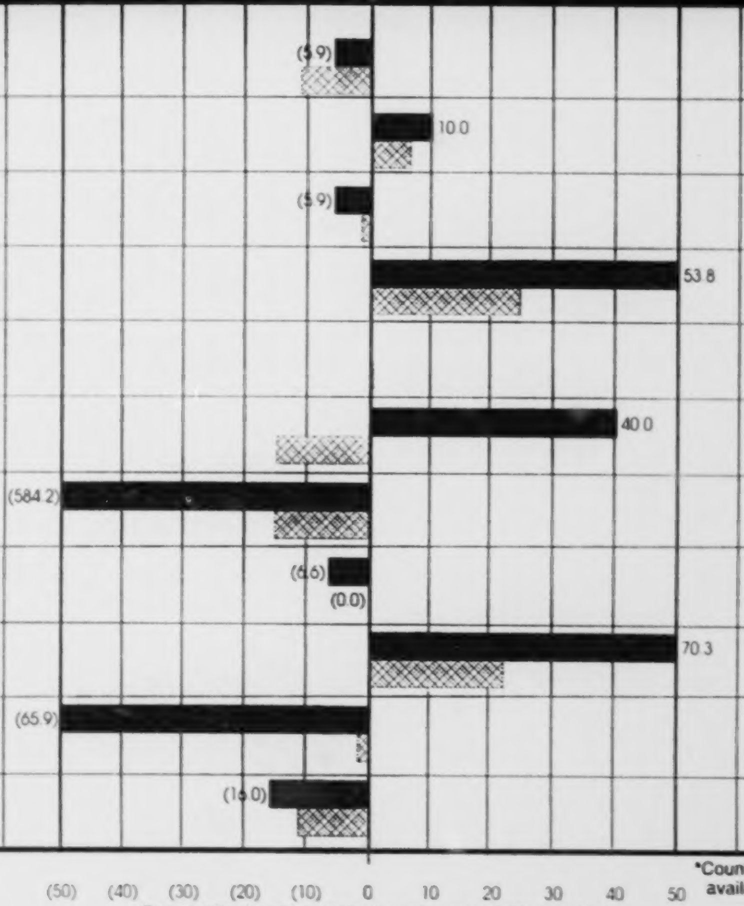


Schuyler County

Trend Data

▮ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 27



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	40.4	42.8	33.3	86
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	13.0	11.7	20.2	12
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*#	5.1	5.4	6.9	31
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*#	7.8	3.6	7.8	4
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*#	0.0	39.7	33.5	76
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	36.5	21.9	13.7	103
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	1.9	13.0	4.5	109
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	92.2	86.1	76.9	28
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.1	3.3	10.7	3
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	13.5	22.4	53.5	12
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*#	63.3	73.4	80.5	51

#Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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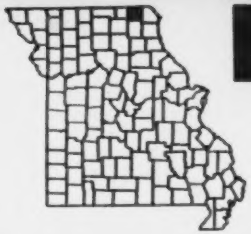
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	1,040	1,046	0.6
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	24.6	24.4	-0.8
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.2	0.7	-41.7
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	22.0	25.5	15.9
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	7.6	16.5	117.1
Median household income	1989 1993	$18,612	$18,125	-2.6
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	508	534	5.1
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	4.8	7.3	52.1
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	33.1	39.3	18.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	48.3	71.7	48.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	59.4	84.1	41.6
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	17.3	48.5	180.3
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	57.0	107.2	88.1
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	8.0	7.8	-2.5
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	27.2	30.1	10.7

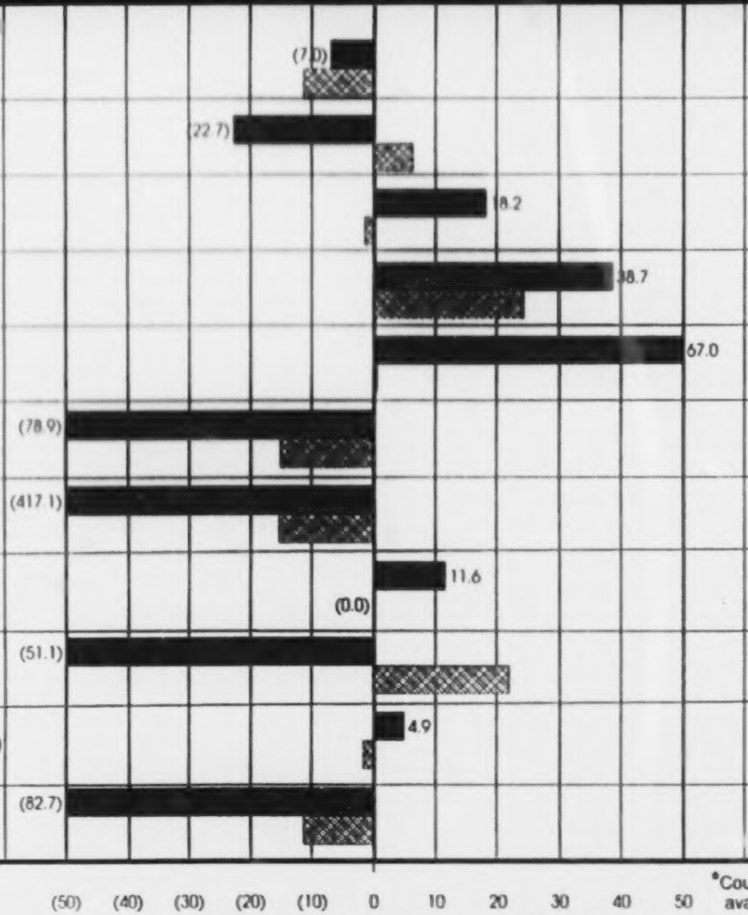


Scotland County

Trend Data

■ **Percent change in county**
▨ **Percent change in state**

Composite County Rank 88



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent-studentsenrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	33.0	35.3	33.3	53
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	24.2	29.7	20.2	95
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991#*	4.4	3.6	6.9	2
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991#*	13.7	8.4	7.8	53
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991#*	139.8	46.1	33.5	91
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	11.4	20.4	13.7	100
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.1	21.2	4.5	115
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	85.4	95.3	76.9	6
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	4.5	6.8	10.7	21
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	44.5	42.3	53.5	54
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991#*	111.0	202.8	80.5	108

#Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	1,225	1,200	-2.0
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	25.4	25.2	-0.8
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.3	0.3	0.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	23.1	35.3	52.8
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	7.2	11.8	63.9
Median household income	1989 1993	$17,294	$16,941	-2.0
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	695	796	14.5
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	4.6	4.5	-2.2
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	33.1	51.2	54.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	37.8	62.4	65.1
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	58.6	80.0	36.5
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	26.1	18.7	-28.4
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	42.0	37.5	-10.7
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	9.1	7.3	-19.8
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	26.0	26.6	2.3

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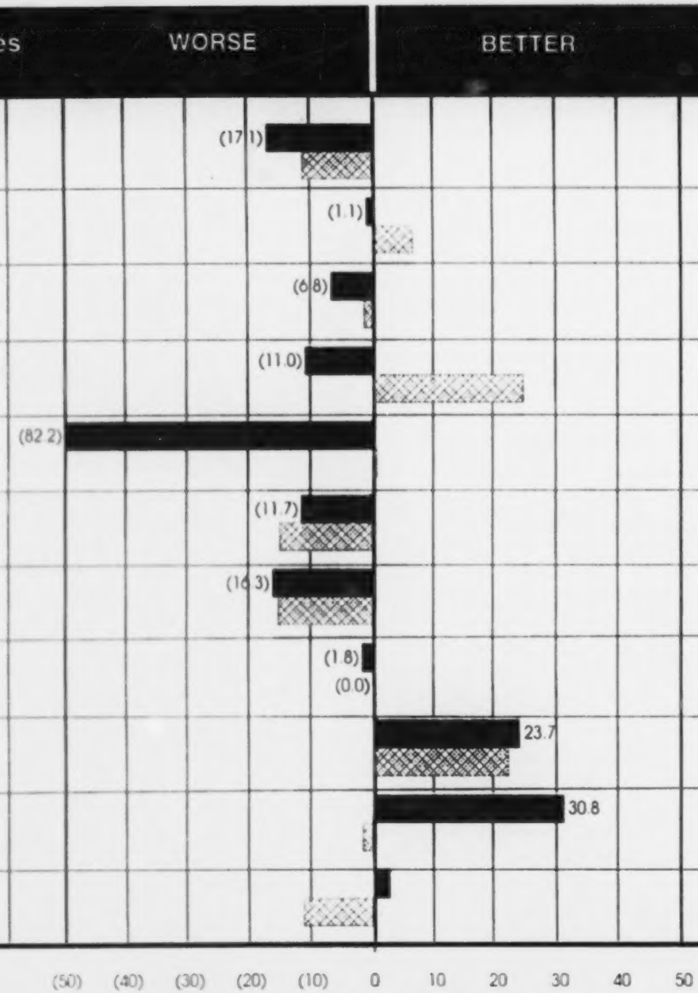
Scott County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 85



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	32.7	38.3	33.3	68
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	28.3	28.6	20.2	92
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	7.3	7.8	6.9	106
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	10.9	12.1	7.8	89
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	24.7	45.0	33.5	87
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	10.3	11.5	13.7	48
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.9	5.7	4.5	78
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	81.8	80.3	76.9	60
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	18.6	14.2	10.7	104
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	68.9	47.7	53.5	71
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	48.5	47.2	80.5	23

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	**11,191**	**11,396**	**1.8**
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	28.4	28.5	0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	14.6	14.4	-1.4
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	20.7	22.4	8.2
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	17.0	21.5	26.5
Median household income	1989 1993	$22,974	$22,888	-0.4
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	9,301	9,339	0.4
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	7.4	7.5	1.4
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	42.0	36.9	-12.1
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	49.7	60.9	22.5
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	61.3	73.5	19.9
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	31.0	33.3	7.4
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	52.8	59.0	11.7
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	16.4	18.5	12.8
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	35.9	41.0	14.2

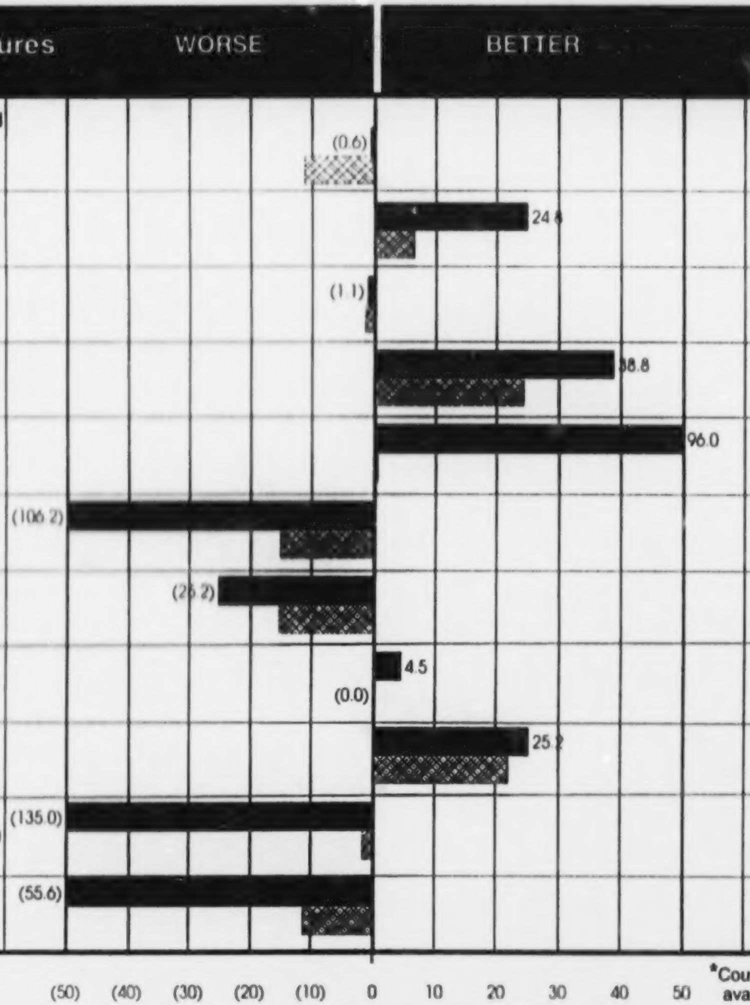
Shannon County

Trend Data

▮ Percent change in county

▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank | **97**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent-students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	61.7	62.1	33.3	113
Percent-birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	29.8	22.4	20.2	62
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991#*	9.0	9.1	6.9	112
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991#*	8.5	5.2	7.8	17
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991#*	25.3	1.0	33.5	3
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	11.3	23.3	13.7	105
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	12.3	15.4	4.5	112
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	79.1	82.7	76.9	48
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	12.3	9.2	10.7	63
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	13.7	32.2	53.5	32
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991#*	99.5	154.8	80.5	96

#Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	2,031	2,127	4.7
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	26.7	26.4	-1.1
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.7	0.4	-42.9
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	28.8	30.2	4.9
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	9.6	13.9	44.8
Median household income	1989 1993	$16,391	$17,033	3.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	797	946	18.7
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	10.9	8.6	-21.1
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	32.5	32.6	0.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	56.2	64.4	14.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	58.4	64.3	10.1
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	0.0	0.0	0.0
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	63.0	60.9	-3.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	15.4	15.9	3.2
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	47.2	51.0	8.1

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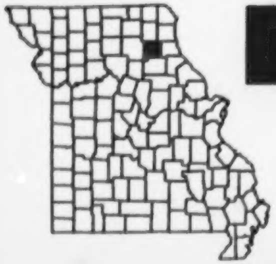
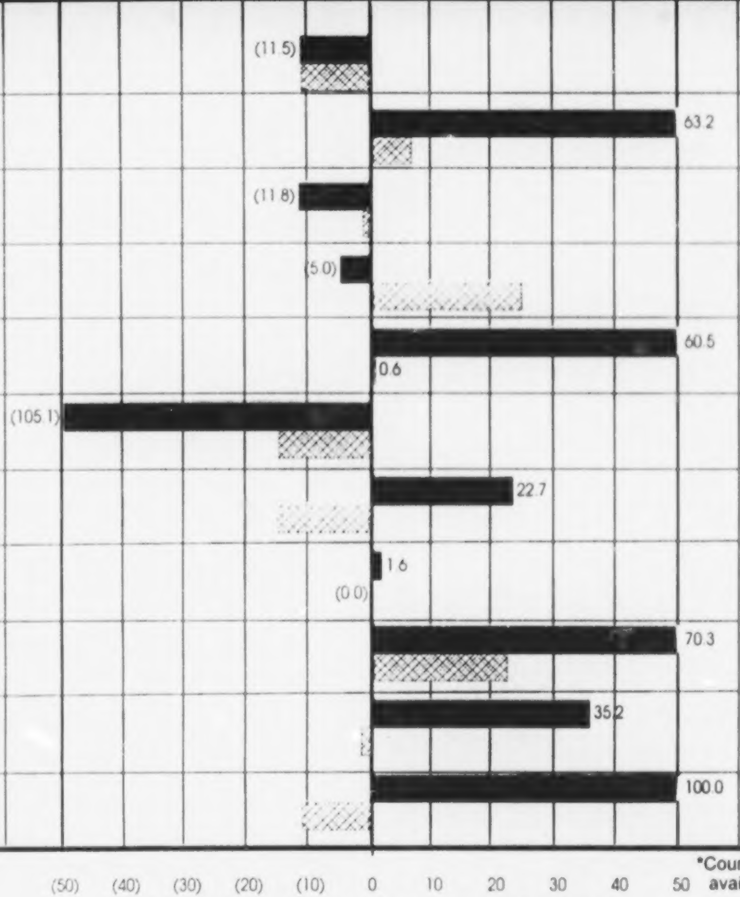


Shelby County

Trend Data

▇ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 5



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	28.8	32.1	33.3	35
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	17.4	6.4	20.2	2
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	3.4	3.8	6.9	4
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	2.0	2.1	7.8	3
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	42.5	16.8	33.5	17
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.9	8.0	13.7	18
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.4	3.4	4.5	40
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	88.0	89.4	76.9	17
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	14.5	4.3	10.7	5
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	52.0	33.7	53.5	39
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	79.3	0.0	80.5	1

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	1,799	1,765	-1.9
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	25.9	25.8	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.2	1.1	-8.3
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	19.9	23.0	15.6
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	9.4	14.1	50.0
Median household income	1989 1993	$20,368	$20,553	0.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,189	1,238	4.1
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	4.3	6.2	44.2
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	45.0	42.8	-4.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	53.1	65.3	23.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	63.9	75.4	18.0
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	27.2	34.9	28.3
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	41.1	37.9	-7.8
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	6.8	7.5	10.3
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	22.1	25.8	16.7

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Stoddard County

Trend Data

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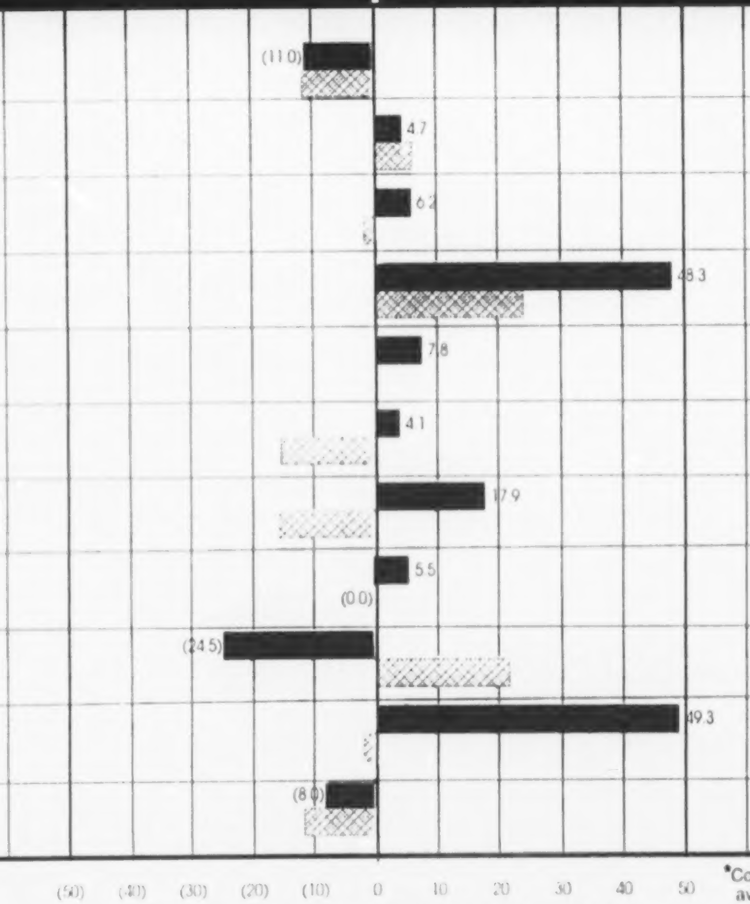
Composite County Rank | **22**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	30.9	34.3	33.3	48
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	29.8	28.4	20.2	90
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.5	6.1	6.9	55
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	11.8	6.1	7.8	24
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	36.0	33.2	33.5	52
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	7.3	7.0	13.7	11
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	2.8	2.3	4.5	26
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	79.6	84.0	76.9	41
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.2	12.7	10.7	99
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	40.8	20.7	53.5	11
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	60.3	65.1	80.5	41

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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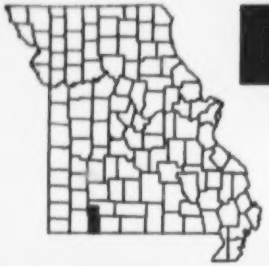
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**7,219**	**7,350**	**1.8**
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	25.0	25.0	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	2.5	2.2	-12.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	17.7	24.2	36.7
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	12.7	16.6	30.7
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$20,121	$20,743	3.1
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	4,862	5,228	7.5
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	8.0	9.8	22.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	44.5	39.7	-10.8
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	52.7	62.0	17.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	68.8	70.9	3.1
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	20.6	29.8	44.7
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	60.6	69.4	14.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	12.2	13.2	8.2
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	31.6	35.9	13.6

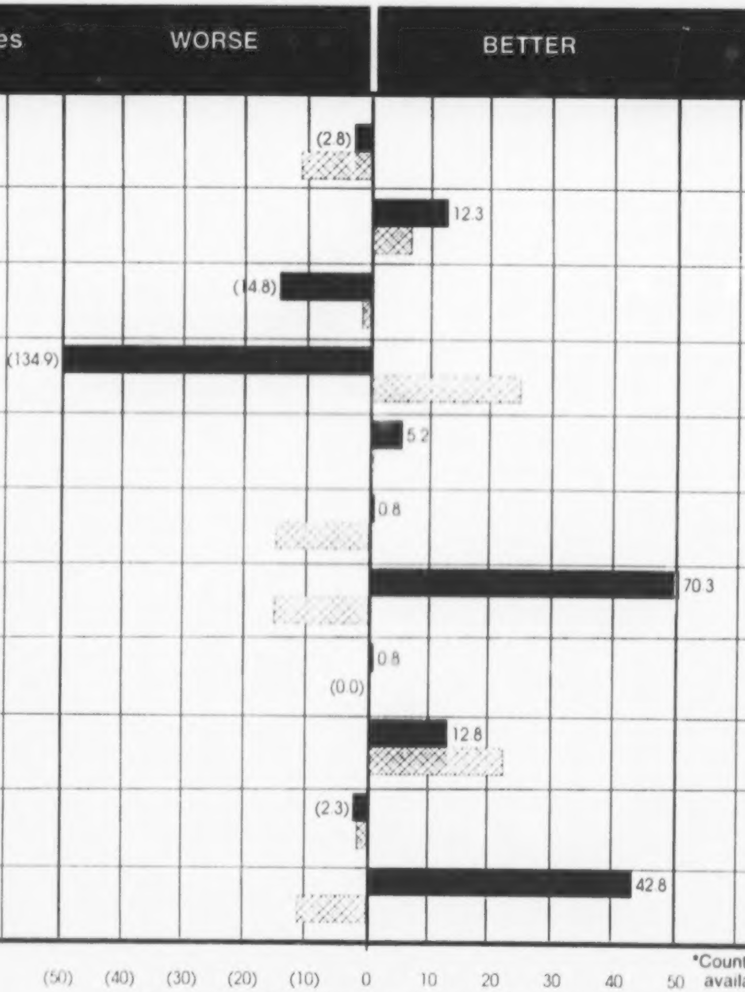


Stone County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **36**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	38.7	39.8	33.3	79
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	25.2	22.1	20.2	61
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.4	6.2	6.9	59
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	4.3	10.1	7.8	74
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	40.6	38.5	33.5	72
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	13.2	13.1	13.7	59
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.7	1.1	4.5	7
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	82.8	83.4	76.9	43
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.9	9.5	10.7	68
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	29.8	30.5	53.5	26
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	86.2	49.3	80.5	24

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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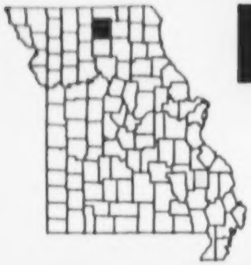
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	**4,100**	**4,704**	**14.7**
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	21.5	21.4	-0.5
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.5	1.3	-13.3
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	25.6	19.6	-23.4
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	7.8	13.1	67.9
Median household income	1989 1993	$23,365	$24,268	3.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	4,301	4,829	12.3
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	10.3	10.4	1.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	44.6	49.4	10.8
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	43.1	64.6	49.9
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	63.1	77.0	22.0
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	12.2	36.2	196.7
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	33.6	32.4	-3.6
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	7.9	8.6	8.9
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	28.8	33.9	17.7



Sullivan County

Trend Data

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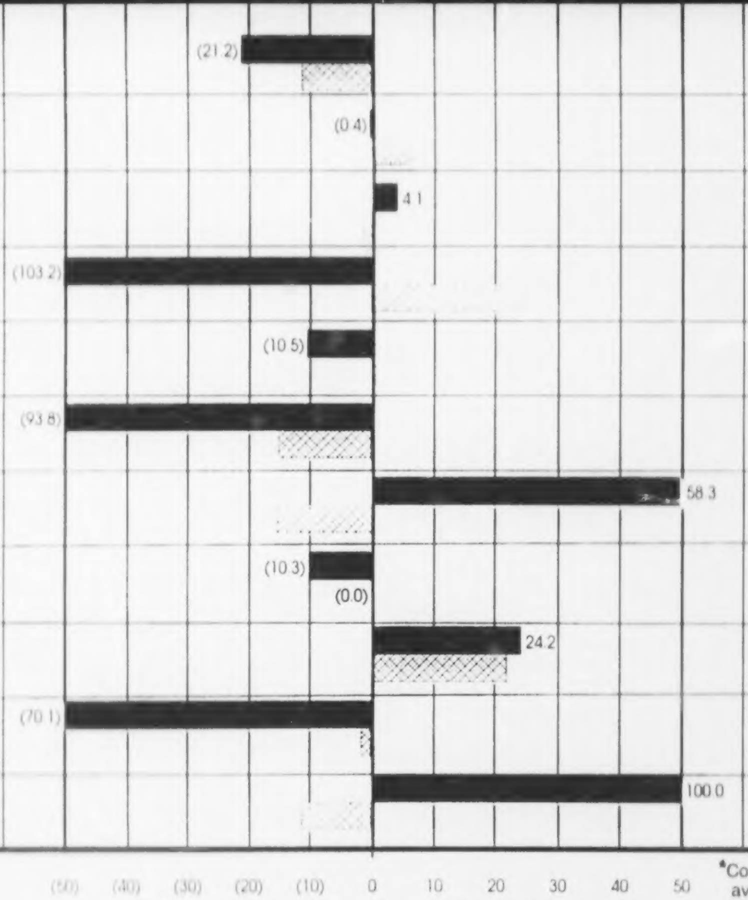
Composite County Rank **56**



Outcome Measures	WORSE	BETTER	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	(21.2)		33.9	41.1	33.3	82
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	(0.4)		25.3	25.4	20.2	74
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]		4.1	4.9	4.7	6.9	15
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	(103.2)		3.1	6.3	7.8	27
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	(10.5)		17.1	18.9	33.5	20
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	(93.8)		6.5	12.6	13.7	57
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*		58.3	7.2	3.0	4.5	32
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	(10.3) (0.0)		100.0	89.7	76.9	15
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*		24.2	14.9	11.3	10.7	91
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	(70.1)		23.4	39.8	53.5	44
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]		100.0	43.7	0.0	80.5	1

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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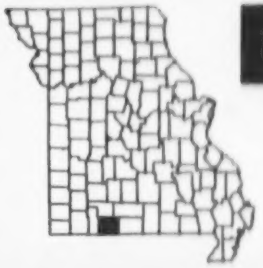
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	**1,381**	**1,368**	**-0.9**
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	21.8	21.8	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	0.4	0.2	-50.0
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	22.8	22.3	-2.2
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	8.7	13.8	58.6
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$17,417	$17,804	2.2
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	922	951	3.1
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	3.8	6.1	60.5
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	34.2	39.9	16.7
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	57.0	68.1	19.5
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	67.6	79.2	17.2
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	8.4	8.4	0.0
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	84.2	91.2	8.3
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	9.1	9.5	4.4
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	23.0	26.2	13.9



Taney County

Trend Data

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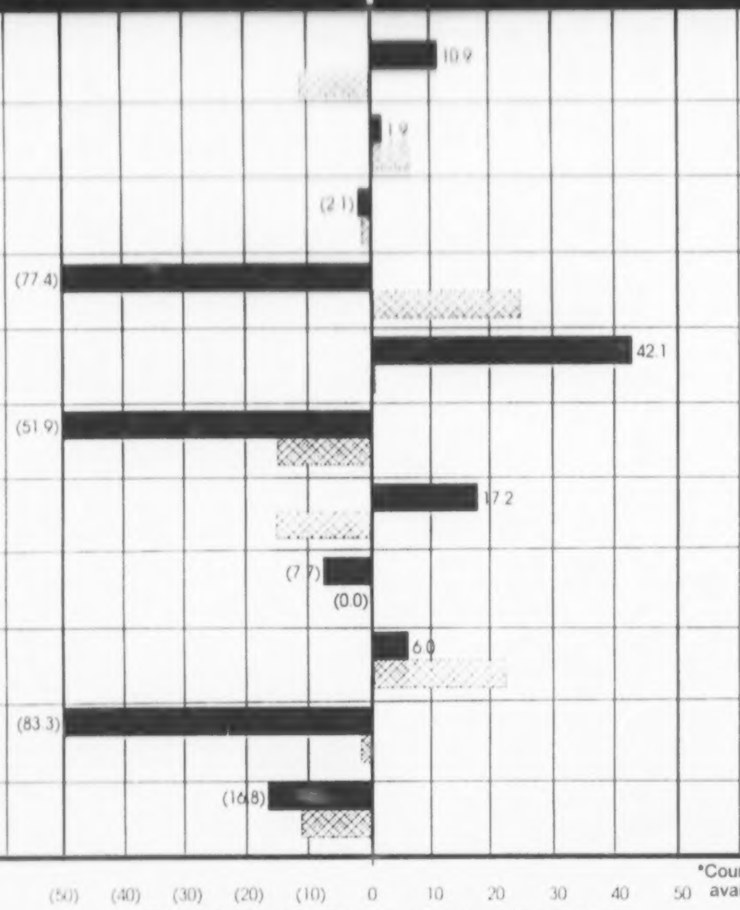
Composite County Rank 105

Outcome Measures



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch 1990/1993	37.6	33.5	33.3	45
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree 199[illegible]1993	21.3	20.9	20.2	54
Percent low birth weight infants 1986/1991[a]	4.8	4.9	6.9	20
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 1986/1991[a]	8.4	14.9	7.8	105
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children 1986/1991[a]	42.3	24.5	33.5	37
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children 1990/1993	21.2	32.2	13.7	111
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children 1990/1993	9.3	7.7	4.5	96
High school completion rate 1991/1993	84.2	77.7	76.9	71
Percent of all births to single teens 1990/1993	8.4	7.9	10.7	36
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) 1990/1993	35.4	64.9	53.5	99
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) 1986/1991[a]	133.6	156.0	80.5	97

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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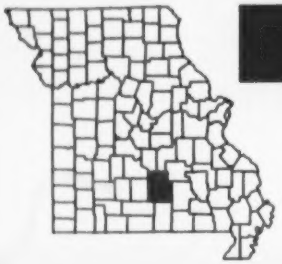
Key Facts

Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	5,287	6,007	13.6
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	20.7	20.7	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.6	1.2	-25.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	19.1	17.7	-7.3
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	11.2	15.7	40.2
Median household income	1989 1993	$22,393	$23,105	3.2
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	10,063	13,174	30.9
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	8.1	8.4	3.7
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	45.6	47.8	4.8
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	58.1	63.4	9.1
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	67.2	78.6	17.0
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	33.2	51.6	55.4
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	40.3	40.5	0.5
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	4.8	5.6	16.7
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	24.2	28.8	19.0



Texas County

Trend Data

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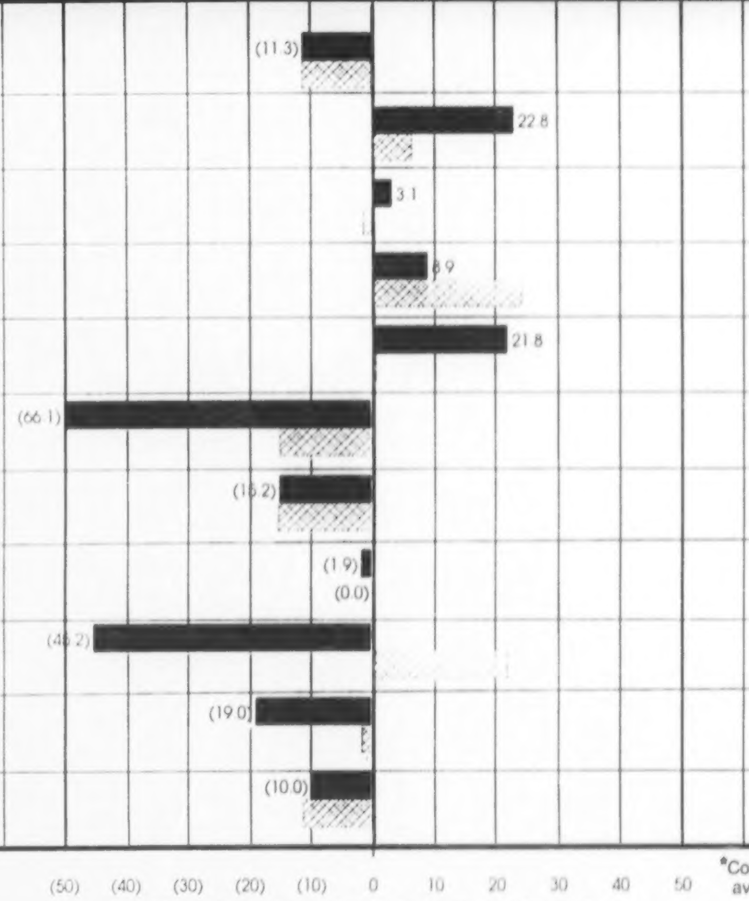
Composite County Rank 79



Outcome Measures	WORSE / BETTER	Base Rate	Curr Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	(11.3)	40.8	45.4	33.3	91
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	22.8	33.7	26.0	20.2	76
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	3.1	6.4	6.2	6.9	59
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	8.9	5.6	5.1	7.8	14
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	21.8	45.5	35.6	33.5	58
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	(66.1)	6.2	10.3	13.7	41
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	(15.2)	6.6	7.6	4.5	95
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	(1.9) (0.0)	82.6	81.0	76.9	58
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	(45.2)	7.3	10.6	10.7	81
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	(19.0)	37.9	45.1	53.5	65
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	(10.0)	85.1	93.6	80.5	65

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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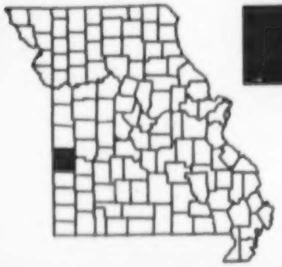
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	5,789	5,956	2.9
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	27.0	26.9	-0.4
Percent minority children	1990 1993	1.0	0.8	-20.0
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	24.3	29.1	19.8
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	11.0	16.6	50.9
Median household income	1989 1993	$18,527	$18,988	2.5
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	3,131	3,102	-0.9
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	9.1	13.3	46.2
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	39.1	37.3	-4.6
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	52.9	57.8	9.3
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	65.5	80.3	22.6
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	14.1	16.2	14.9
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	30.3	32.0	5.6
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	10.1	12.1	19.8
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	30.9	35.8	15.9

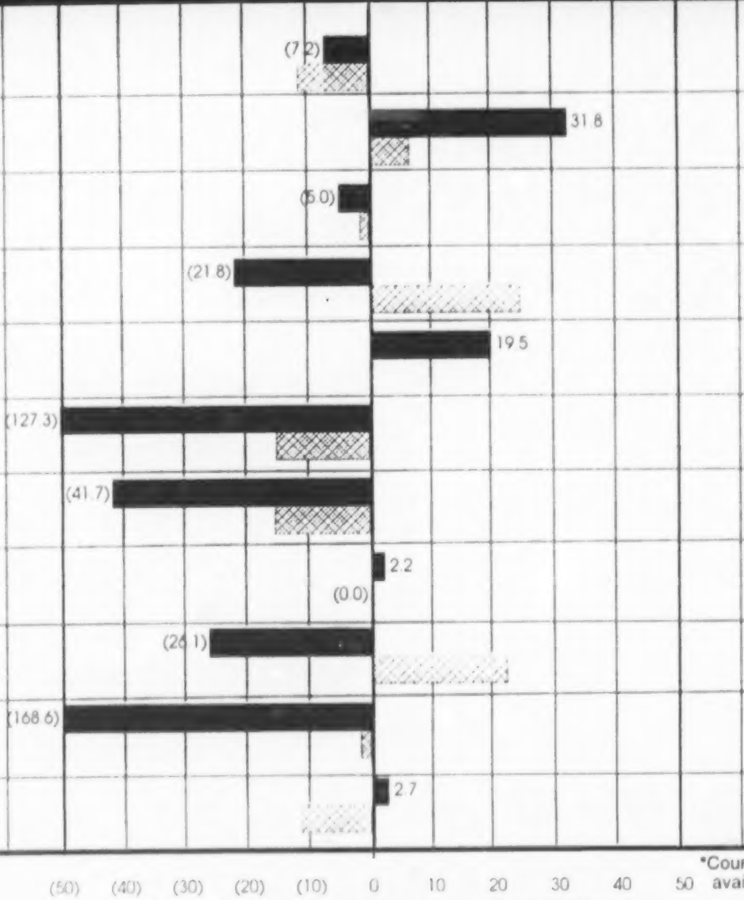


Vernon County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **111**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	33.5	35.9	33.3	58
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	33.3	22.7	20.2	63
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.0	6.3	6.9	65
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	10.1	12.3	7.8	93
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	51.4	41.4	33.5	79
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	13.9	31.6	13.7	110
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.8	6.8	4.5	88
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	77.6	79.4	76.9	66
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	11.5	14.5	10.7	106
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	29.9	80.3	53.5	109
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	113.9	110.8	80.5	74

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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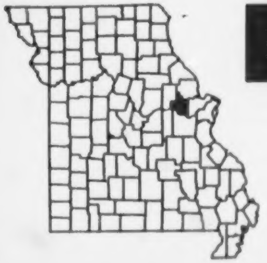
Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	4,966	4,917	-1.0
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	26.1	26.1	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.4	1.2	-14.3
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	14.6	21.8	49.3
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	12.8	17.4	35.9
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$21,730	$21,597	-0.6
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	3,763	3,821	1.5
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	4.7	5.5	17.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	41.9	37.6	-10.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	63.0	62.4	-1.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	69.7	78.0	11.9
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	42.6	36.8	-13.6
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	29.6	45.9	55.1
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	9.0	10.3	14.4
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	28.8	33.8	17.4

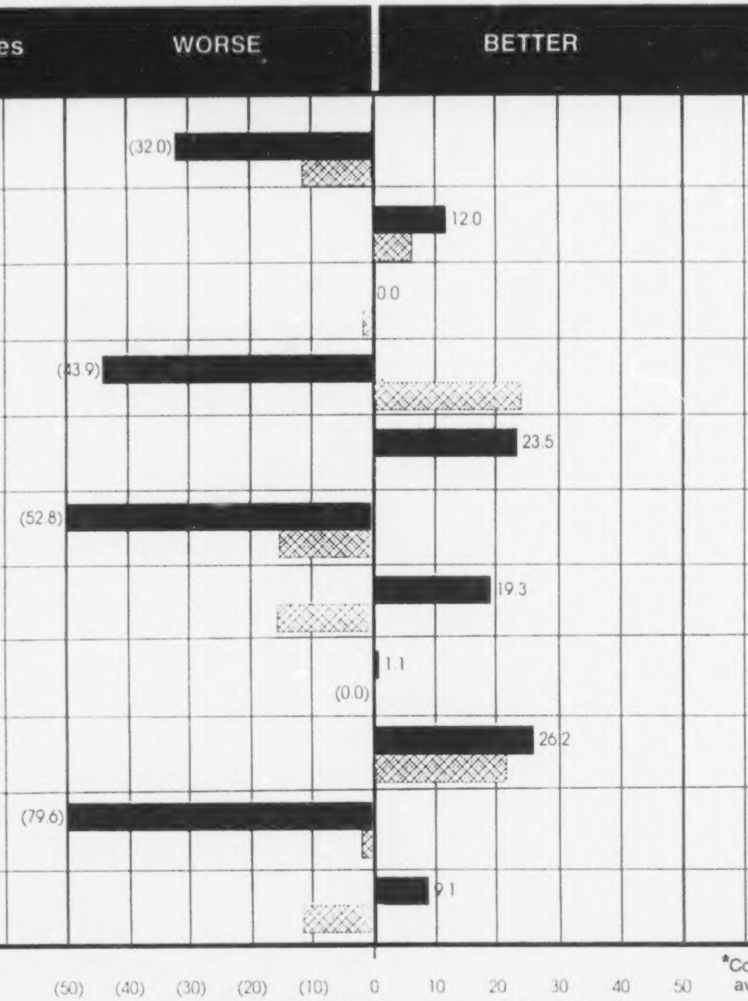


Warren County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank 82



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	22.2	29.3	33.3	25
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	23.3	20.5	20.2	49
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	6.7	6.7	6.9	82
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	8.2	11.8	7.8	85
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	36.1	27.6	33.5	41
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	10.6	16.2	13.7	79
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	5.7	4.6	4.5	67
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	75.8	76.7	76.9	82
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	10.3	7.6	10.7	31
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	35.3	63.4	53.5	97
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	190.0	172.7	80.5	102

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	5,485	6,034	10.0
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	28.1	28.1	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	3.8	3.5	-7.9
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	11.9	14.3	20.2
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	8.2	13.2	61.0
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$31,989	$31,058	-2.9
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	3,045	3,103	1.9
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	7.6	7.7	1.3
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	43.2	47.9	10.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	52.3	66.8	27.7
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	60.2	75.7	25.7
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	6.1	10.7	75.4
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	15.4	54.4	253.2
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	3.9	6.9	76.9
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	16.4	21.6	31.7

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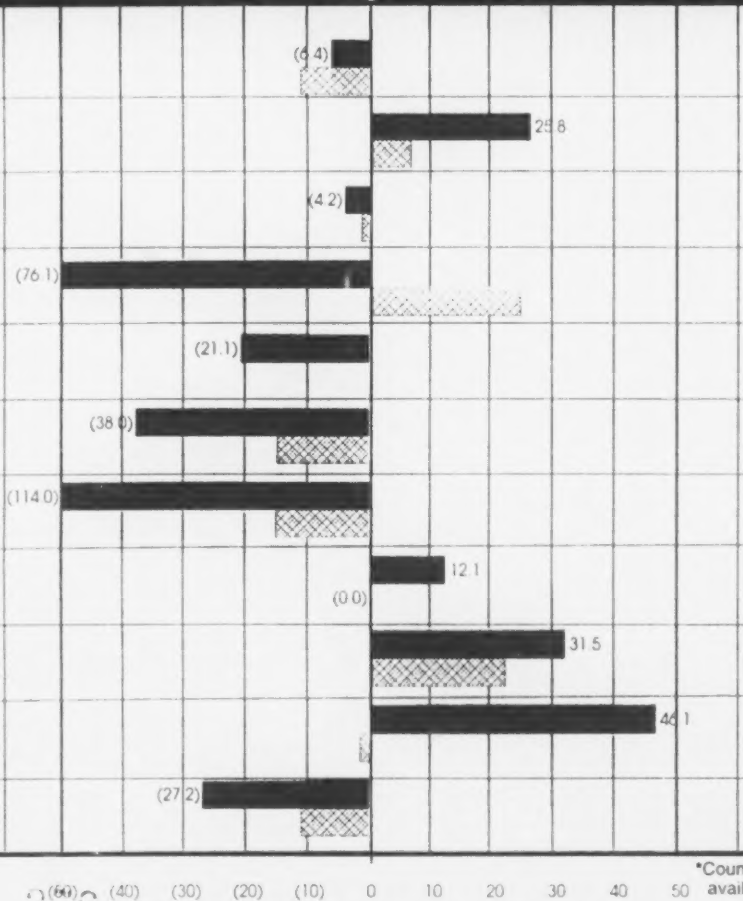
Washington County

Trend Data

▆ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank | **100**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	45.4	48.3	33.3	97
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	45.4	33.7	20.2	105
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	7.2	7.5	6.9	103
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	8.8	15.5	7.8	108
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	35.6	43.1	33.5	85
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	15.0	20.7	13.7	102
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.3	9.2	4.5	99
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	68.2	76.4	76.9	84
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	24.8	17.0	10.7	111
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	57.9	31.2	53.5	29
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	130.1	165.5	80.5	101

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	6,081	6,355	4.5
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	29.8	29.7	-0.3
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.2	1.1	-8.3
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	23.4	34.6	47.9
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	11.7	18.3	56.4
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$18,832	$19,098	1.4
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,189	2,146	-2.0
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	14.7	12.9	-12.2
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	41.2	36.3	-11.9
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	38.6	53.1	37.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	46.8	54.4	16.2
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	11.6	17.6	51.7
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	39.8	53.2	33.7
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	20.8	23.5	13.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	48.1	51.5	7.1

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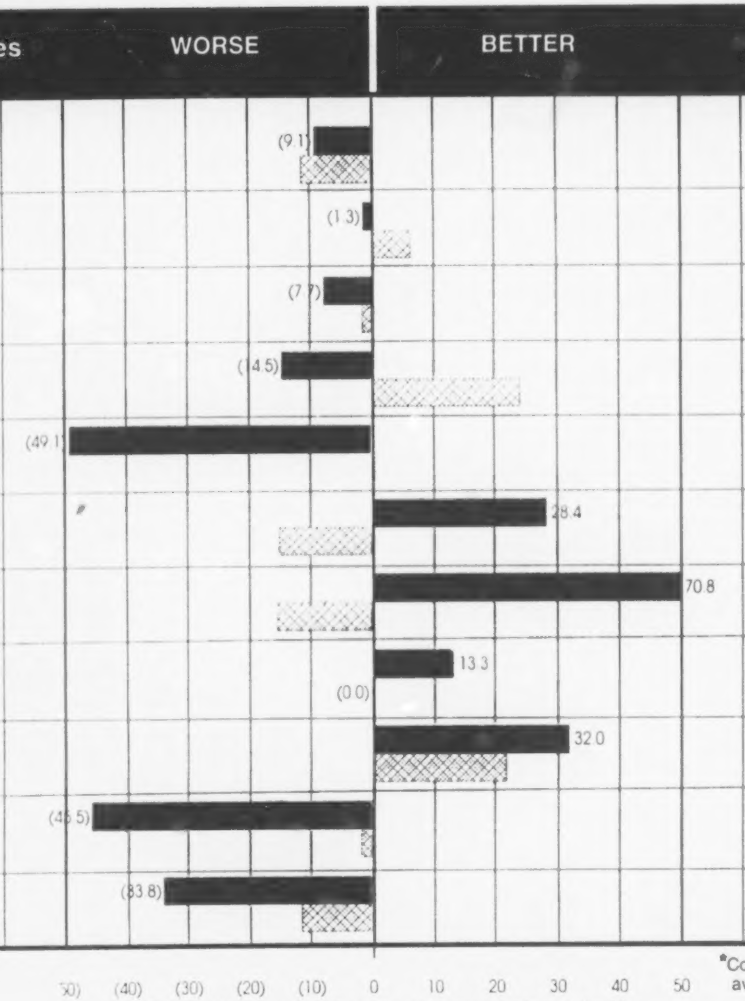
Wayne County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **83**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	54.8	59.8	33.3	112
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	31.5	31.9	20.2	100
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.2	5.6	6.9	41
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	11.0	12.6	7.8	97
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	38.1	56.8	33.5	103
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	8.8	6.3	13.7	6
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	4.8	1.4	4.5	10
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	62.1	70.3	76.9	104
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	18.1	12.3	10.7	97
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	21.3	31.0	53.5	28
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	92.2	123.4	80.5	82

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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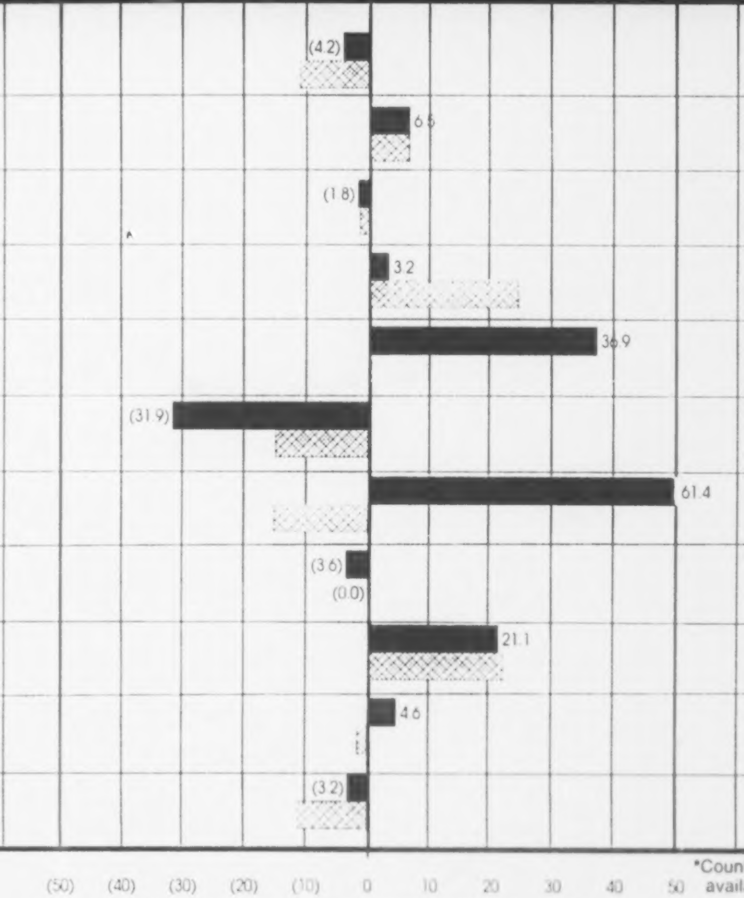
Key Facts		Base Year.	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	1990 1993	2,733	3,000	9.8
Children as percent of total population	1990 1993	23.7	23.7	0.0
Percent minority children	1990 1993	0.8	0.5	-37.5
Percent children in poverty	1980 1990	30.0	39.0	30.0
Percent children in one parent families	1980 1990	11.9	17.9	50.4
Median household income	1989 1993	$15,058	$15,753	4.6
Total jobs in low-paying industries	1990 1992	1,397	1,525	9.2
Adult unemployment rate	1990 1993	9.0	17.3	92.2
Percent parent paying child support in state system	1990 1993	40.8	36.2	-11.3
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	1980 1990	47.5	56.8	19.6
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	1980 1990	51.9	65.7	26.6
Percent child care licensed need met	1990 1993	6.6	19.9	201.5
Head Start enrollment rate	1991 1993	33.2	45.1	35.8
Percent children receiving AFDC	1990 1993	17.7	22.0	24.3
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	1990 1993	48.0	57.0	18.8

Webster County

Trend Data

■ Percent change in county
▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank | **33**



Outcome Measures	WORSE	BETTER	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	(4.2)		30.9	32.2	33.3	36
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*		6.5	30.8	28.8	20.2	93
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	(1.8)		5.5	5.6	6.9	41
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]		3.2	9.4	9.1	7.8	63
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]		36.9	89.8	56.7	33.5	102
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	(31.9)		6.9	9.1	13.7	27
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*		61.4	4.4	1.7	4.5	21
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	(3.6) (0.0)		82.7	79.7	76.9	64
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*		21.1	3.8	3.0	10.7	2
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*		4.6	41.3	39.4	53.5	43
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	(3.2)		99.9	103.1	80.5	70

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	6,805	7,190	5.7
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	28.6	28.6	0.0
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.3	0.9	-30.8
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	19.5	26.6	36.4
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	8.0	12.9	61.3
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$22,739	$22,492	-1.1
Total jobs in low paying industries	*1990* *1992*	3,183	2,983	-6.3
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	8.6	5.9	-31.4
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	50.9	50.9	0.0
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	41.9	56.9	35.8
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	56.5	76.1	34.7
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	14.1	18.7	32.6
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	27.7	28.6	3.2
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	4.2	6.6	57.1
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	18.1	23.9	32.0

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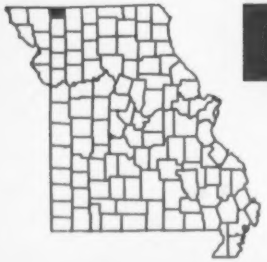


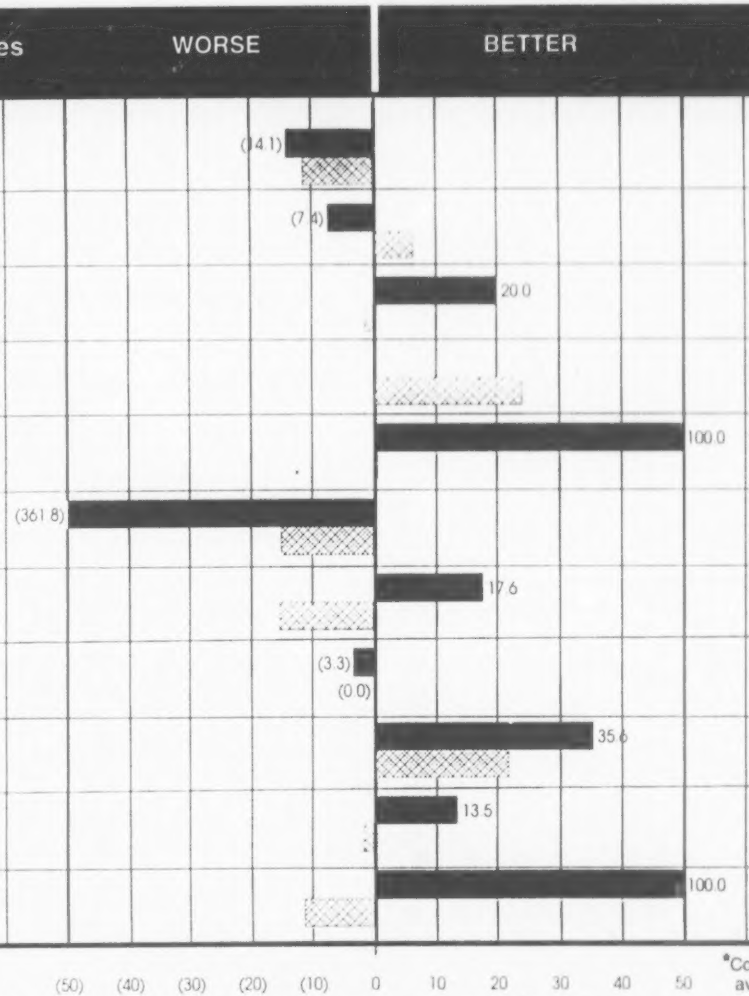
Worth County

Trend Data

▬ Percent change in county

▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **98**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	46.2	52.7	33.3	104
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	8.1	8.7	20.2	6
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	3.5	2.8	6.9	1
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	0.0	14.1	7.8	103
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	119.0	0.0	33.5	1
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	3.4	15.7	13.7	74
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	8.5	7.0	4.5	90
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	96.8	93.5	76.9	8
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	13.5	8.7	10.7	53
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	80.2	69.4	53.5	102
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	226.0	0.0	80.5	1

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	586	568	-3.1
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	24.0	23.9	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.2	0.2	-83.3
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	26.9	28.1	4.5
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	10.1	11.9	17.8
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$15,816	$16,334	3.3
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	286	329	15.0
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	5.0	7.4	48.0
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	34.8	42.5	22.1
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	44.3	45.2	2.0
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	58.3	84.3	44.6
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	0.0	12.8	ERR
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	96.7	163.5	69.1
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	8.0	8.4	5.0
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	33.8	40.0	18.3

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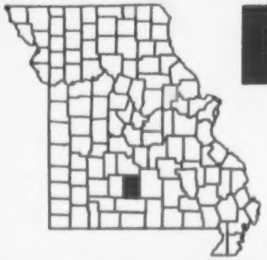
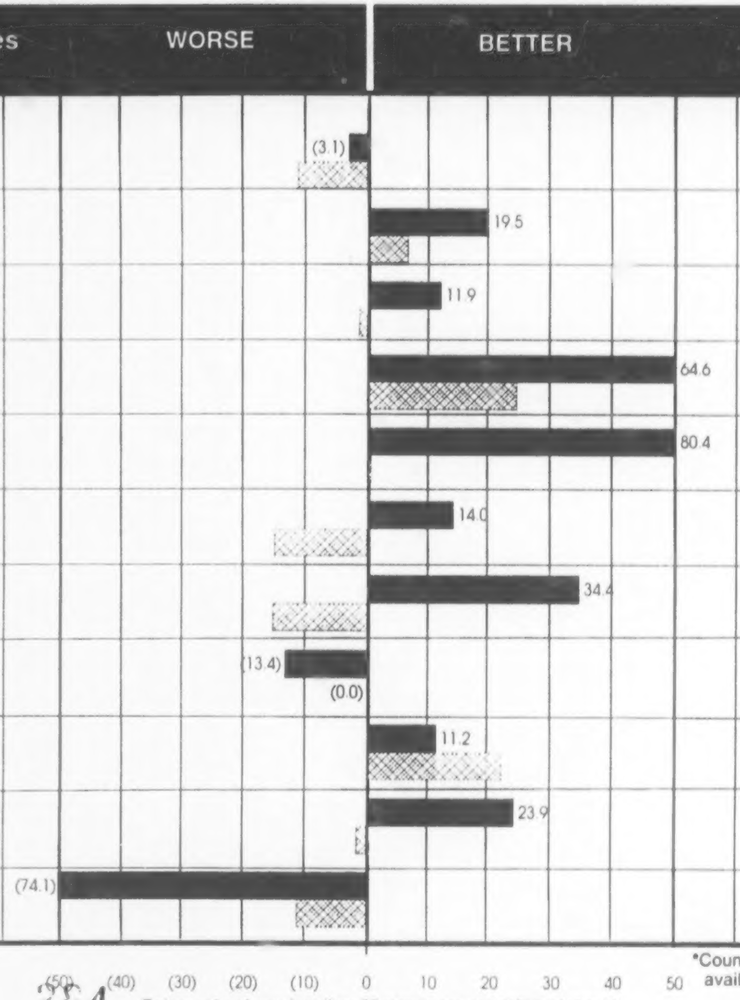


Wright County

Trend Data

- ■ Percent change in county
- ▨ Percent change in state

Composite County Rank **80**



Outcome Measures	Base Rate	Curr. Rate	State Avg.	County Rank*
Percent–students enrolled free/reduced lunch *1990/1993*	44.5	45.9	33.3	94
Percent–birth mothers without h.s. degree *1990/1993*	34.3	27.6	20.2	84
Percent low birth weight infants *1986/1991*[a]	5.9	5.2	6.9	26
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births *1986/1991*[a]	16.4	5.8	7.8	21
Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children *1986/1991*[a]	56.2	11.0	33.5	7
Suspect child abuse per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	30.8	26.5	13.7	108
Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children *1990/1993*	6.4	4.2	4.5	55
High school completion rate *1991/1993*	75.9	65.7	76.9	111
Percent of all births to single teens *1990/1993*	8.9	7.9	10.7	36
Juvenile law violations per 1,000 children (10-17) *1990/1993*	44.3	33.7	53.5	38
Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (15-19) *1986/1991*[a]	79.8	138.9	80.5	87

[a] Averages of 1984-88 and 1989-93

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Key Facts		Base Year	Curr. Year	% Change
Child population	*1990* *1993*	4,708	4,872	3.5
Children as percent of total population	*1990* *1993*	28.1	28.0	-0.4
Percent minority children	*1990* *1993*	1.5	1.4	-6.7
Percent children in poverty	*1980* *1990*	26.6	32.0	20.3
Percent children in one parent families	*1980* *1990*	10.3	16.1	56.3
Median household income	*1989* *1993*	$17,354	$17,224	-0.8
Total jobs in low-paying industries	*1990* *1992*	2,627	2,845	8.3
Adult unemployment rate	*1990* *1993*	9.1	8.0	-12.1
Percent parent paying child support in state system	*1990* *1993*	43.6	44.4	1.8
Percent working women –youngest child under 6	*1980* *1990*	40.9	56.6	38.4
Percent working women –youngest child 6-17	*1980* *1990*	63.9	66.3	3.8
Percent child care licensed need met	*1990* *1993*	13.1	19.2	46.6
Head Start enrollment rate	*1991* *1993*	43.9	64.5	46.9
Percent children receiving AFDC	*1990* *1993*	10.8	12.6	16.7
Percent children receiving Food Stamps	*1990* *1993*	32.8	37.3	13.7

County Rankings

Osage	1
Gasconade	2
Chariton	3
St. Charles	4
Shelby	5
Maries	6
Platte	7
Moniteau	8
Clay	9
Andrew	10
Johnson	11
Polk	12
Cass	13
Cooper	14
Cole	15
Ralls	16
Atchison	17
Caldwell	18
Bollinger	19
Howard	20
Jefferson	21
Stoddard	22
Ste. Genevieve	23
DeKalb	24
Perry	25
Benton	26
Schuyler	27
Gentry	28
Jasper	29
Christian	30
Mercer	31
Livingston	32
Webster	33
Lewis	34
Dade	35
Stone	36
Laclede	37
Franklin	38
Linn	39
Holt	40
Lincoln	41
Harrison	42
Clinton	43
St. Louis County	44
Dallas	45
Montgomery	46
Lafayette	47
Ray	48
Hickory	49
Greene	50
Cedar	51
Iron	52
Newton	53
Callaway	54
Ozark	55
Sullivan	56
Barton	57
Phelps	58
Pulaski	59
Nodaway	60
Monroe	61
Adair	62
Douglas	63
Barry	64
Camden	65
Lawrence	66
Miller	67
Grundy	68
Clark	69
Dent	70
Jackson	71
Putnam	72
Cape Girardeau	73
Carter	74
Crawford	75
Boone	76
Pike	77
St. Clair	78
Texas	79
Wright	80
Audrain	81
Warren	82
Wayne	83
Bates	84
Scott	85
Morgan	86
Henry	87
Scotland	88
Buchanan	89
St. Francois	90
Macon	91
Howell	92
Daviess	93
Carroll	94
Oregon	95
Pettis	96
Shannon	97
Worth	98
McDonald	99
Washington	100
Reynolds	101
Saline	102
Madison	103
Butler	104
Taney	105
New Madrid	106
Randolph	107
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Appendix 1 - Raw Data for Outcome Measures and Key Facts

COUNTY	Free Reduced Enrollment 1990	Free Reduced Enrollment 1993	Births to Mothers with Less Than 12 Yrs. Ed. 1990	Births to Mothers with Less Than 12 Yrs. Ed. 1993	Low Birthweight Births 1984-88	Low Birthweight Births 1989-93	Infant Deaths 1984-88	Infant Deaths 1989-93	Child Deaths Ages 1-14 1984-88	Child Deaths Ages 1-14 1989-93
ADAIR	**828**	**788**	**43**	**37**	**95**	**80**	**12**	**16**	**3**	**8**
ANDREW	559	732	34	23	53	50	4	16	4	3
ATCHISON	346	387	7	5	23	24	4	2	2	1
AUDRAIN	1,085	1,160	82	94	114	106	10	15	5	11
BARRY	**1,866**	**2,259**	**108**	**121**	**113**	**109**	**13**	**18**	**6**	**4**
BARTON	556	666	31	25	41	39	6	7	4	4
BATES	904	1,029	47	37	88	91	16	16	9	3
BENTON	745	983	51	24	39	45	7	7	4	2
BOLLINGER	**688**	**748**	**43**	**33**	**47**	**49**	**8**	**8**	**5**	**9**
BOONE	3,478	4,183	218	204	534	543	79	85	29	37
BUCHANAN	3,986	4,861	297	320	441	406	69	54	28	18
BUTLER	2,667	3,445	147	128	179	169	17	35	15	15
CALDWELL	**632**	**681**	**28**	**21**	**20**	**25**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**2**
CALLAWAY	1,184	1,452	97	83	165	171	22	19	8	11
CAMDEN	1,332	1,639	66	53	89	98	6	19	8	9
CAPE GIRARDEAU	1,797	2,095	149	134	237	258	39	37	10	14
CARROLL	**633**	**764**	**40**	**28**	**41**	**35**	**6**	**9**	**0**	**4**
CARTER	732	772	24	25	32	28	2	3	2	5
CASS	2,149	2,624	202	158	269	267	55	34	27	13
CEDAR	601	767	37	24	29	33	8	13	6	4
CHARITON	**419**	**480**	**14**	**11**	**35**	**43**	**6**	**3**	**2**	**2**
CHRISTIAN	1,484	1,767	74	80	114	114	22	14	7	5
CLARK	361	422	23	23	13	23	2	8	2	2
CLAY	3,592	4,585	318	280	566	598	95	75	46	35
CLINTON	**653**	**801**	**32**	**37**	**76**	**76**	**11**	**9**	**13**	**4**
COLE	1,985	2,451	120	120	229	236	39	51	12	22
COOPER	650	798	39	36	59	54	8	12	3	10
CRAWFORD	1,014	1,221	101	91	85	87	11	7	7	7
DADE	**546**	**633**	**12**	**15**	**27**	**28**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**5**
DALLAS	623	662	62	65	51	54	12	12	5	8
DAVIESS	544	659	55	38	38	33	5	10	3	3
DE KALB	527	561	16	20	26	24	3	3	3	4
DENT	**974**	**1,014**	**44**	**58**	**61**	**60**	**6**	**7**	**2**	**6**
DOUGLAS	770	890	54	38	57	59	5	7	7	2
DUNKLIN	3,021	3,228	196	201	150	157	24	26	13	14
FRANKLIN	2,799	3,617	323	245	327	316	52	47	37	26
GASCONADE	**827**	**802**	**38**	**24**	**38**	**39**	**13**	**6**	**4**	**13**
GENTRY	405	463	13	8	21	19	3	2	2	2
GREENE	7,812	9,784	501	481	857	850	131	115	52	58
GRUNDY	580	669	28	21	30	29	8	4	4	3
HARRISON	**653**	**693**	**12**	**14**	**31**	**28**	**5**	**5**	**3**	**1**
HENRY	892	1,190	63	54	96	92	19	11	4	10
HICKORY	766	884	12	16	15	15	0	3	1	2
HOLT	336	409	10	7	28	28	5	2	1	5
HOWARD	**477**	**522**	**14**	**19**	**46**	**43**	**7**	**5**	**5**	**2**
HOWELL	2,801	2,988	126	113	125	110	22	24	18	6
IRON	1,102	1,282	49	39	44	49	8	4	3	5
JACKSON	32,197	37,391	2,668	2,123	4,325	4,399	648	564	205	240
JASPER	**4,745**	**5,204**	**381**	**348**	**378**	**377**	**65**	**45**	**32**	**33**
JEFFERSON	5,657	6,635	516	443	710	742	123	81	59	76
JOHNSON	1,854	2,334	81	76	170	159	25	25	9	9
KNOX	257	291	18	17	12	12	1	0	3	1
LACLEDE	**1,535**	**1,863**	**127**	**86**	**109**	**124**	**20**	**18**	**8**	**12**
LAFAYETTE	1,209	1,676	82	70	124	122	17	10	15	12
LAWRENCE	1,812	1,975	115	125	134	136	17	16	11	10
LEWIS	547	628	19	21	38	40	6	2	6	1
LINCOLN	**1,100**	**1,207**	**80**	**107**	**147**	**154**	**27**	**21**	**13**	**18**
LINN	750	894	42	23	43	42	12	7	6	7
LIVINGSTON	555	667	39	38	63	52	10	4	2	3
MCDONALD	1,184	1,321	95	99	75	84	16	5	7	13
MACON	**702**	**884**	**37**	**33**	**52**	**49**	**4**	**15**	**3**	**7**
MADISON	669	850	50	30	54	49	12	7	0	4

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COUNTY	Reason to Suspect Victims 1990	Reason to Suspect Victims 1993	Out-of-Home Placements 1990	Out-of-Home Placements 1993	Births to Single Teens 1990	Births to Single Teens 1993	Juvenile Law Violations 1990	Juvenile Law Violations 1993	Teen [illegible] [illegible]	Teen [illegible] [illegible]
ADAIR	**88**	**87**	**34**	**68**	**21**	**20**	**86**	**120**	**3**	**2**
ANDREW	8	40	0	6	22	15	34	47	3	1
ATCHISON	5	1	2	5	2	5	26	43	3	2
AUDRAIN	49	59	34	29	37	37	161	174	2	2
BARRY	**47**	**68**	**15**	**17**	**44**	**37**	**99**	**148**	**7**	**9**
BARTON	27	54	23	16	12	6	17	74	2	2
BATES	56	46	12	17	25	20	97	99	5	4
BENTON	45	35	15	12	19	9	17	33	2	1
BOLLINGER	**30**	**19**	**11**	**6**	**14**	**11**	**13**	**21**	**6**	**6**
BOONE	185	221	131	142	161	133	628	868	29	23
BUCHANAN	336	241	40	64	216	180	574	632	16	15
BUTLER	127	179	39	38	75	55	214	275	15	12
CALDWELL	**31**	**42**	**3**	**0**	**12**	**7**	**17**	**22**	**6**	**4**
CALLAWAY	81	139	25	53	72	34	149	176	3	4
CAMDEN	98	123	18	28	20	22	90	133	10	7
CAPE GIRARDEAU	153	116	73	58	111	71	419	555	11	11
CARROLL	**35**	**50**	**11**	**3**	**15**	**12**	**73**	**92**	**3**	**2**
CARTER	13	13	14	5	11	10	12	19	7	8
CASS	164	174	67	83	107	93	288	291	19	17
CEDAR	22	34	25	23	13	9	10	57	7	7
CHARITON	**5**	**15**	**7**	**6**	**11**	**7**	**30**	**16**	**5**	**4**
CHRISTIAN	153	132	50	65	39	28	128	234	12	15
CLARK	20	31	7	14	9	11	57	42	4	4
CLAY	191	314	62	103	184	158	709	833	45	47
CLINTON	**64**	**88**	**16**	**32**	**18**	**17**	**98**	**97**	**10**	**10**
COLE	110	159	57	71	111	76	370	248	29	26
COOPER	43	63	19	26	23	14	106	18	1	2
CRAWFORD	35	66	8	24	34	30	21	121	8	8
DADE	**34**	**36**	**4**	**10**	**5**	**7**	**4**	**21**	**1**	**1**
DALLAS	16	27	16	5	14	22	51	45	6	7
DAVIESS	33	20	6	8	6	10	17	41	2	1
DE KALB	8	11	3	4	13	12	26	32	0	0
DENT	**38**	**29**	**11**	**15**	**11**	**18**	**57**	**77**	**7**	**10**
DOUGLAS	42	31	25	18	19	13	26	41	10	10
DUNKLIN	261	283	47	50	90	88	534	365	11	8
FRANKLIN	199	245	72	73	149	102	436	566	47	46
GASCONADE	**68**	**57**	**15**	**17**	**16**	**11**	**8**	**7**	**8**	**9**
GENTRY	20	16	4	6	6	3	51	40	0	1
GREENE	598	804	238	220	414	239	891	1,126	44	45
GRUNDY	20	24	17	18	12	10	59	71	2	2
HARRISON	**9**	**44**	**3**	**9**	**8**	**4**	**18**	**24**	**5**	**3**
HENRY	64	100	19	19	27	20	128	143	7	9
HICKORY	28	42	15	18	10	6	5	5	5	6
HOLT	15	13	10	0	1	5	18	38	2	2
HOWARD	**36**	**26**	**13**	**9**	**17**	**8**	**30**	**33**	**8**	**5**
HOWELL	87	113	40	80	47	41	215	225	4	6
IRON	23	22	4	4	19	14	44	45	7	9
JACKSON	2,199	2,692	703	749	1,973	1,294	2,752	2,974	171	191
JASPER	**310**	**407**	**77**	**98**	**215**	**138**	**306**	**283**	**30**	**29**
JEFFERSON	603	661	230	235	339	206	906	978	45	47
JOHNSON	66	106	43	77	34	34	151	120	6	8
KNOX	15	43	10	12	3	4	21	31	0	0
LACLEDE	**61**	**107**	**13**	**9**	**37**	**30**	**117**	**112**	**12**	**14**
LAFAYETTE	99	92	24	12	44	39	159	212	5	4
LAWRENCE	120	96	31	34	51	47	139	179	19	19
LEWIS	35	36	10	12	15	10	49	36	1	1
LINCOLN	**64**	**119**	**17**	**17**	**48**	**51**	**117**	**188**	**11**	**11**
LINN	7	47	10	5	26	8	31	93	7	8
LIVINGSTON	22	34	13	16	18	22	88	75	4	3
McDONALD	75	98	30	78	31	26	58	94	4	5
MACON	**24**	**32**	**18**	**42**	**17**	**16**	**119**	**138**	**6**	**3**
MADISON	95	41	6	7	20	17	100	100	4	3

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COUNTY	Free Reduced Enrollment		Births to Mothers with Less Than 12 Yrs. Ed.		Low Birthweight Births		Infant Deaths		Child Deaths Ages 1-14	
	1990	1993	1990	1993	1984-88	1989-93	1984-88	1989-93	1984-88	1989-93
MARIES	382	565	19	13	30	30	6	6	3	2
MARION	1,672	1,894	91	84	106	118	24	24	15	9
MERCER	268	278	4	2	11	14	3	2	3	1
MILLER	1,472	1,821	95	70	86	91	15	10	9	9
MISSISSIPPI	1,579	1,582	85	72	110	105	13	14	6	6
MONITEAU	555	719	63	46	39	43	9	3	4	4
MONROE	479	588	15	20	29	27	10	7	0	2
MONTGOMERY	617	657	46	35	35	38	1	5	2	0
MORGAN	720	912	90	97	64	60	6	7	6	7
NEW MADRID	2,035	2,171	125	88	135	132	21	21	17	13
NEWTON	2,024	2,494	158	162	180	177	31	33	15	19
NODAWAY	1,061	1,093	18	15	64	61	10	11	10	2
OREGON	890	1,065	31	34	19	19	4	4	4	2
OSAGE	382	427	16	10	50	49	8	8	5	6
OZARK	890	941	29	13	28	27	5	5	6	4
PEMISCOT	2,770	2,943	218	195	213	215	23	30	10	18
PERRY	662	809	45	42	46	45	7	8	6	3
PETTIS	1,736	2,241	98	125	150	146	25	21	13	7
PHELPS	1,698	2,125	110	73	133	151	19	19	12	11
PIKE	718	829	62	63	75	74	13	16	8	6
PLATTE	1,108	1,364	151	107	244	258	34	30	19	8
POLK	1,331	1,685	48	69	61	54	20	10	6	16
PULASKI	3,010	3,397	119	106	242	238	43	39	20	19
PUTNAM	304	345	10	12	17	17	4	5	2	3
RALLS	216	258	13	14	38	34	3	1	3	1
RANDOLPH	1,306	1,588	92	82	120	115	19	16	8	9
RAY	779	807	73	60	79	81	14	12	12	5
REYNOLDS	668	791	19	32	23	27	4	2	3	3
RIPLEY	1,308	1,400	65	94	56	65	9	13	2	8
ST CHARLES	3,788	5,258	416	357	807	842	135	92	46	65
ST CLAIR	582	670	28	28	28	30	7	3	1	2
STE GENEVIEVE	507	680	34	29	49	51	12	8	5	2
ST FRANCOIS	2,790	3,478	197	193	202	208	21	27	14	16
ST LOUIS	29,534	36,696	1,623	1,594	4,220	4,363	601	597	228	214
SALINE	1,291	1,538	91	81	108	107	23	11	12	8
SCHUYLER	306	325	7	7	13	15	2	1	0	2
SCOTLAND	237	279	16	22	16	13	5	3	7	4
SCOTT	2,580	2,974	187	159	219	238	33	37	11	20
SHANNON	488	550	34	22	53	53	5	3	2	3
SHELBY	385	420	12	6	17	18	1	1	3	2
STODDARD	1,703	1,929	111	96	116	110	21	11	10	9
STONE	1,162	1,442	51	56	50	61	4	10	6	6
SULLIVAN	315	372	22	18	16	15	1	2	1	1
TANEY	1,476	1,615	66	79	63	66	11	20	8	5
TEXAS	1,777	2,077	88	69	91	85	8	7	10	8
VERNON	1,062	1,181	87	55	77	82	13	16	10	8
	624	951	70	59	98	102	12	18	7	6
WASHINGTON	1,765	1,916	137	111	107	112	13	23	8	10
WAYNE	1,034	1,232	47	44	38	40	8	9	4	6
WEBSTER	1,237	1,324	104	107	94	98	16	16	23	15
WORTH	204	245	3	2	5	4	0	2	3	0
WRIGHT	1,648	1,768	81	63	72	63	20	7	10	2
ST LOUIS CITY	33,907	34,225	3,123	2,777	4,295	4,391	599	564	216	197
MISSOURI	241,013	279,932	17,071	15,195	25,863	26,113	3,888	3,588	1,889	1,700

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	[illegible] 1990	[illegible] 1993	[illegible] 1990	[illegible] 1993	[illegible] 1990	[illegible] 1993	[illegible] 1990	[illegible] 1993	Teen Violent Deaths 1984-88	Teen Violent Deaths 1989-93
	14	**14**	**5**	**3**	**8**	**4**	**14**	**12**	**7**	**8**
	92	109	17	25	46	36	252	328	12	15
	24	8	6	6	1	2	14	17	0	0
	85	71	18	9	31	34	107	138	4	7
	34	**73**	**28**	**42**	**33**	**43**	**166**	**200**	**3**	**7**
	22	5	3	2	15	13	54	44	7	8
	10	34	3	13	5	11	73	55	4	2
	69	44	18	41	22	13	65	45	5	5
	41	**85**	**3**	**12**	**22**	**21**	**41**	**59**	**7**	**7**
	99	151	40	35	85	46	131	107	4	3
	147	179	76	67	67	57	202	215	19	19
	50	35	5	17	18	10	96	173	2	3
	30	**40**	**19**	**40**	**12**	**7**	**44**	**51**	**7**	**4**
	9	20	1	5	13	3	10	10	5	4
	34	30	13	17	10	8	15	25	2	2
	228	265	44	83	102	105	337	239	8	9
	8	**41**	**9**	**20**	**18**	**28**	**93**	**72**	**3**	**4**
	122	123	46	60	57	48	157	302	7	7
	147	192	29	49	51	32	148	178	14	17
	82	54	12	6	29	27	77	104	7	8
	143	**173**	**28**	**12**	**81**	**63**	**279**	**292**	**14**	**13**
	47	51	22	36	19	15	28	38	5	6
	125	133	54	51	85	60	162	237	12	13
	21	20	5	12	4	4	25	18	0	2
	5	**33**	**7**	**8**	**6**	**4**	**35**	**48**	**2**	**2**
	98	108	41	80	52	40	173	206	3	3
	74	101	14	5	45	24	146	173	8	5
	30	28	1	4	14	9	21	41	1	2
	46	**69**	**6**	**11**	**26**	**18**	**4**	**90**	**4**	**3**
	470	690	79	95	320	224	1,132	1,124	41	44
	20	14	14	8	12	7	23	47	3	3
	29	30	5	3	11	18	100	94	7	5
	229	**238**	**48**	**50**	**58**	**77**	**331**	**360**	**9**	**15**
	1,742	1,458	568	541	1,549	1,085	7,823	7,768	153	180
	97	88	36	22	56	47	222	196	5	6
	38	22	2	13	6	2	6	11	1	1
	14	**24**	**5**	**25**	**3**	**8**	**23**	**24**	**2**	**3**
	115	128	55	63	123	79	347	263	8	7
	23	47	25	31	14	9	12	31	3	4
	7	14	8	6	10	4	43	29	2	0
	53	**51**	**20**	**17**	**38**	**43**	**148**	**78**	**7**	**7**
	54	58	15	5	22	24	63	65	5	3
	9	17	10	4	13	8	15	29	1	0
	112	183	49	44	26	30	80	168	12	14
	38	**81**	**38**	**45**	**18**	**28**	**100**	**131**	**7**	**7**
	69	158	24	34	30	35	68	192	9	8
	58	96	31	27	31	22	84	151	12	11
	91	129	26	57	75	56	167	96	11	14
	24	**18**	**13**	**4**	**27**	**17**	**28**	**43**	**4**	**5**
	47	64	30	12	13	11	125	129	9	9
	2	9	5	4	5	2	19	20	2	0
	145	127	30	20	21	18	101	76	5	8
	2,584	**3,242**	**800**	**1081**	**2,102**	**1,703**	**3,545**	**3,912**	**120**	**127**
	15,396	**18,419**	**5,124**	**5,987**	**10,844**	**8,038**	**29,844**	**32,616**	**1,415**	**1,448**

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COUNTY	Population Under 18		Minority Under 18		Children Below Poverty		Children in 1 Parent Families		Total Paying Child Support Cases		Number of Women in Workforce Youngest Child <6		Number of Women in Workforce Youngest Child 6-17	
	1990	1993	1990	1993	1980	1990	1980	1990	1990	1993	1980	1990	1980	1990
ADAIR	**4,948**	**4,960**	**79**	**84**	**780**	**1,019**	**706**	**830**	**388**	**810**	**722**	**798**	**1,098**	**1,094**
ANDREW	3,952	4,091	35	29	375	563	304	478	212	276	396	537	601	824
ATCHISON	1,679	1,606	18	7	325	388	220	247	66	134	201	179	374	419
AUDRAIN	6,223	6,224	548	512	1,135	1,296	836	1,020	621	754	774	896	1,208	1,341
BARRY	**6,977**	**7,456**	**152**	**148**	**992**	**1,430**	**633**	**1,050**	**354**	**632**	**664**	**921**	**1,195**	**1,477**
BARTON	2,986	3,093	59	60	504	482	277	400	146	232	297	474	460	591
BATES	3,928	3,969	56	53	741	892	381	583	248	333	386	465	659	849
BENTON	2,977	3,177	27	19	569	752	274	435	151	254	299	342	467	682
BOLLINGER	**2,782**	**2,861**	**28**	**26**	**675**	**647**	**246**	**316**	**180**	**192**	**289**	**341**	**395**	**472**
BOONE	25,364	27,303	3,733	3,880	1,835	3,548	3,586	5,311	1,790	2,347	3,491	4,790	4,614	5,586
BUCHANAN	21,453	21,828	1,260	1,094	3,256	4,451	3,743	4,716	2,156	3,178	2,757	3,254	4,018	4,433
BUTLER	9,963	10,388	872	883	3,031	3,232	1,746	2,144	807	1,201	1,173	1,373	1,764	2,183
CALDWELL	**2,200**	**2,213**	**10**	**8**	**345**	**537**	**173**	**294**	**130**	**155**	**243**	**272**	**364**	**430**
CALLAWAY	8,597	9,031	460	457	851	1,208	967	1,398	513	648	1,220	1,440	1,635	1,945
CAMDEN	5,994	6,548	57	57	811	1,000	457	893	361	488	517	869	890	1,431
CAPE GIRARDEAU	14,629	15,452	1,224	1,246	1,599	2,057	1,738	2,429	1,052	1,366	2,034	2,544	2,674	3,309
CARROLL	**2,825**	**2,789**	**86**	**74**	**617**	**497**	**317**	**461**	**280**	**361**	**339**	**356**	**421**	**605**
CARTER	1,522	1,622	14	15	514	528	159	271	150	163	184	138	207	303
CASS	18,552	20,368	573	524	1,428	2,012	1,499	2,690	841	1,187	1,673	2,513	3,267	4,396
CEDAR	2,814	2,839	31	23	528	855	320	480	178	215	347	405	499	586
CHARITON	**2,374**	**2,293**	**95**	**89**	**454**	**448**	**209**	**260**	**117**	**173**	**318**	**371**	**377**	**450**
CHRISTIAN	9,329	10,921	142	133	858	1,089	722	1,313	424	670	805	1,453	1,221	2,159
CLARK	2,054	2,076	5	4	400	533	280	299	204	289	278	306	373	403
CLAY	39,502	42,216	1,924	1,658	2,271	2,797	4,868	6,153	2,931	3,447	4,496	6,858	8,127	8,694
CLINTON	**4,618**	**4,836**	**162**	**155**	**388**	**689**	**467**	**605**	**234**	**375**	**367**	**574**	**868**	**1,044**
COLE	15,919	16,799	882	889	851	1,468	1,853	2,421	824	1,111	2,365	3,031	3,181	3,729
COOPER	3,621	3,741	276	279	447	580	408	518	244	288	463	582	846	851
CRAWFORD	5,160	5,480	26	24	1,099	957	554	766	420	489	602	663	780	1,122
DADE	**1,883**	**1,925**	**43**	**40**	**282**	**389**	**145**	**229**	**65**	**79**	**208**	**270**	**282**	**423**
DALLAS	3,397	3,645	46	47	681	968	329	471	162	254	283	410	466	585
DAVIESS	2,118	2,103	24	22	565	688	172	183	109	131	195	263	334	364
DEKALB	2,123	2,151	22	16	401	343	237	234	62	113	221	345	428	446
DENT	**3,611**	**3,653**	**47**	**39**	**894**	**1,211**	**403**	**537**	**300**	**360**	**431**	**387**	**587**	**688**
DOUGLAS	3,178	3,207	33	30	854	977	312	409	165	250	452	401	507	573
DUNKLIN	8,745	8,811	1,288	1,279	3,016	3,420	2,056	2,152	1,277	1,487	1,094	934	1,754	1,757
FRANKLIN	23,000	24,539	411	381	2,224	2,328	2,159	3,137	1,239	1,695	2,353	3,715	3,689	4,339
GASCONADE	**3,488**	**3,586**	**16**	**14**	**430**	**426**	**306**	**450**	**185**	**239**	**403**	**641**	**556**	**755**
GENTRY	1,687	1,651	17	13	336	416	128	230	96	95	257	261	328	304
GREENE	47,640	50,774	2,093	2,043	6,582	7,364	6,911	8,693	3,875	5,110	5,197	7,081	8,290	10,698
GRUNDY	2,499	2,485	27	25	594	611	290	377	202	248	374	255	517	644
HARRISON	**1,935**	**1,909**	**23**	**20**	**467**	**456**	**244**	**253**	**130**	**165**	**274**	**360**	**366**	**362**
HENRY	4,918	5,036	133	125	740	1,250	577	814	403	535	573	689	880	981
HICKORY	1,412	1,519	18	17	511	416	131	209	81	123	116	175	186	228
HOLT	1,543	1,496	14	11	290	345	158	168	59	90	112	267	222	261
HOWARD	**2,385**	**2,420**	**205**	**206**	**367**	**416**	**332**	**366**	**128**	**181**	**269**	**385**	**547**	**533**
HOWELL	8,262	8,809	121	117	1,846	2,728	881	1,497	592	840	941	1,156	1,297	1,676
IRON	2,864	2,879	39	28	676	742	298	457	212	262	285	344	433	560
JACKSON	160,815	163,702	50,636	48,682	23,317	28,929	36,915	42,437	12,473	16,565	20,758	26,402	32,065	34,120
JASPER	**23,122**	**24,035**	**1,020**	**991**	**3,798**	**4,116**	**3,370**	**4,454**	**1,687**	**2,828**	**2,435**	**3,236**	**3,918**	**4,897**
JEFFERSON	50,998	54,672	806	758	3,540	4,459	4,540	7,449	2,626	3,509	5,333	8,051	7,575	10,337
JOHNSON	10,376	11,002	965	936	1,126	1,566	899	1,472	479	776	1,344	1,582	1,612	1,950
KNOX	1,070	1,053	8	8	448	264	100	136	45	72	177	138	201	243
LACLEDE	**7,294**	**7,600**	**113**	**111**	**1,438**	**1,305**	**832**	**1,115**	**533**	**675**	**687**	**1,114**	**1,315**	**1,542**
LAFAYETTE	8,236	8,331	364	329	1,018	1,404	762	1,246	358	654	896	1,177	1,646	1,706
LAWRENCE	8,086	8,350	142	126	1,217	1,615	906	1,306	602	838	914	1,074	1,371	1,688
LEWIS	2,404	2,410	115	109	435	532	280	380	127	203	370	380	475	485
LINCOLN	**8,678**	**9,419**	**270**	**260**	**808**	**1,248**	**550**	**1,135**	**272**	**453**	**601**	**1,190**	**1,096**	**1,629**
LINN	3,455	3,414	53	39	550	687	358	519	270	338	426	663	714	653
LIVINGSTON	3,686	3,693	74	70	727	675	469	589	229	325	473	592	708	738
MCDONALD	4,670	4,936	230	230	1,103	1,143	466	803	248	411	395	566	733	927
MACON	**3,774**	**3,730**	**145**	**140**	**552**	**660**	**385**	**479**	**215**	**300**	**547**	**581**	**661**	**864**
MADISON	2,861	2,913	32	26	618	807	331	508	215	269	330	280	365	609

COUNTY	Licensed Child Care Capacity 1990	Licensed Child Care Capacity 1993	Head Start Enrollment 1991	Head Start Enrollment 1993	Children Rec. AFDC 1990	Children Rec. AFDC 1993	Children Rec. Food Stamps 1990	Children Rec. Food Stamps 1993
ADAIR	**280**	**290**	**67**	**75**	**421**	**340**	**1,163**	**1,182**
ANDREW	**121**	**132**	**26**	**32**	**239**	**225**	**643**	**736**
ATCHISON	24	20	21	34	79	114	365	450
AUDRAIN	390	440	62	60	498	565	1,244	1,585
BARRY	**150**	**252**	**20**	**40**	**570**	**765**	**1,886**	**2,503**
BARTON	167	159	18	28	204	238	684	799
BATES	142	145	40	40	389	373	1,073	1,313
BENTON	90	70	30	30	337	367	951	1,155
BOLLINGER	**40**	**50**	**30**	**18**	**218**	**279**	**720**	**870**
BOONE	3,414	4,396	102	200	2,061	2,630	5,079	6,406
BUCHANAN	842	1,016	265	277	2,615	3,082	6,140	7,293
BUTLER	478	485	148	202	1,832	1,932	4,247	4,588
CALDWELL	**80**	**40**	**31**	**31**	**156**	**170**	**532**	**700**
CALLAWAY	545	465	40	60	555	695	1,639	2,083
CAMDEN	331	330	30	51	377	517	1,446	1,762
CAPE GIRARDEAU	1,198	1,462	72	92	1,119	1,283	3,002	3,501
CARROLL	**40**	**46**	**30**	**30**	**312**	**292**	**753**	**843**
CARTER	31	49	52	52	272	311	761	809
CASS	888	1,206	60	78	931	1,132	2,726	3,479
CEDAR	69	129	20	38	295	305	965	1,088
CHARITON	**106**	**74**	**50**	**50**	**144**	**144**	**400**	**484**
CHRISTIAN	319	468	40	80	412	538	1,708	2,039
CLARK	59	70	40	48	184	171	460	519
CLAY	2,792	3,104	132	132	1,215	2,191	4,574	6,334
CLINTON	**182**	**313**	**40**	**46**	**286**	**299**	**711**	**948**
COLE	2,176	2,752	51	60	722	1,051	2,123	2,782
COOPER	193	375	20	40	215	279	726	863
CRAWFORD	1,008	183	57	56	548	727	1,627	2,001
DADE	**55**	**46**	**20**	**40**	**128**	**177**	**401**	**583**
DALLAS	88	156	20	40	265	352	960	1,181
DAVIESS	10	40	12	17	132	159	441	575
DE KALB	22	49	28	26	117	153	415	566
DENT	**62**	**50**	**54**	**54**	**450**	**523**	**1,159**	**1,312**
DOUGLAS	50	20	52	52	300	352	985	1,046
DUNKLIN	221	383	240	240	2,297	2,500	4,744	5,138
FRANKLIN	825	1,269	95	124	1,158	1,636	3,935	5,074
GASCONADE	**325**	**365**	**20**	**27**	**149**	**211**	**558**	**704**
GENTRY	99	109	40	50	61	48	378	345
GREENE	3,453	5,175	260	440	3,537	4,298	10,546	13,138
GRUNDY	70	140	36	48	214	244	674	714
HARRISON	**20**	**60**	**31**	**31**	**161**	**179**	**534**	**679**
HENRY	143	225	60	78	483	546	1,520	1,731
HICKORY	0	10	20	20	153	268	556	705
HOLT	40	50	37	30	95	79	342	340
HOWARD	**120**	**210**	**20**	**20**	**151**	**157**	**618**	**657**
HOWELL	274	386	120	234	1,034	1,088	2,960	3,328
IRON	37	32	30	66	439	537	1,138	1,331
JACKSON	12,494	14,999	1,270	1,561	21,014	28,353	46,168	56,460
JASPER	**1,773**	**1,752**	**148**	**197**	**2,307**	**2,597**	**6,256**	**7,849**
JEFFERSON	2,038	2,692	193	256	2,197	3,361	7,121	9,949
JOHNSON	547	785	70	70	626	801	1,831	2,444
KNOX	90	85	20	19	76	70	265	247
LACLEDE	**165**	**260**	**75**	**76**	**452**	**685**	**1,782**	**2,316**
LAFAYETTE	301	353	60	50	556	683	1,676	2,194
LAWRENCE	258	403	100	100	581	649	1,905	2,283
LEWIS	50	128	40	40	196	213	532	644
LINCOLN	**171**	**307**	**32**	**64**	**454**	**600**	**1,475**	**1,990**
LINN	233	143	49	49	238	294	779	949
LIVINGSTON	168	219	48	48	218	278	762	973
MCDONALD	70	102	36	20	508	593	1,718	2,113
MACON	**164**	**201**	**38**	**46**	**185**	**233**	**630**	**823**
MADISON	101	146	40	27	340	385	986	1,131

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COUNTY	Population Under 18 1990	Population Under 18 1993	Minority Under 18 1990	Minority Under 18 1993	Children Below Poverty 1980	Children Below Poverty 1990	Children in 1 Parent Families 1980	Children in 1 Parent Families 1990	Total Paying Child Support Cases 1990	Total Paying Child Support Cases 1993	Number of Women in Workforce Youngest Child - 6 1980	Number of Women in Workforce Youngest Child - 6 1990	Number of Women in Workforce Youngest Child 6-17 1980	Number of Women in Workforce Youngest Child 6-17 1990
MARIES	2,070	2,173	25	22	355	382	167	284	90	111	245	340	357	443
MARION	7,538	7,659	497	491	1,051	1,726	930	1,390	145	162	878	1,085	1,250	1,586
MERCER	839	847	3	3	212	135	74	95	41	56	117	109	194	166
MILLER	5,784	6,095	51	48	768	1,166	532	953	308	376	757	836	694	1,233
MISSISSIPPI	4,169	4,070	1,175	1,147	1,744	1,625	1,150	1,214	711	880	450	459	653	732
MONITEAU	3,390	3,463	40	40	528	392	329	447	176	216	441	565	531	785
MONROE	2,503	2,448	124	122	530	569	222	269	92	126	297	320	402	439
MONTGOMERY	2,971	2,983	104	99	489	545	278	455	248	287	297	367	464	655
MORGAN	3,804	3,819	58	49	703	797	347	515	159	214	390	513	638	732
NEW MADRID	6,121	6,158	1,410	1,410	2,590	2,144	1,481	1,504	803	995	684	686	992	1,040
NEWTON	11,773	12,389	501	501	1,795	1,934	1,175	1,699	585	1,052	1,053	1,646	2,124	2,547
NODAWAY	4,878	4,812	65	54	990	1,001	467	664	243	317	766	738	770	1,130
OREGON	2,257	2,293	21	17	973	684	367	372	118	144	197	260	351	413
OSAGE	3,339	3,421	21	17	430	319	202	304	61	95	412	597	573	734
OZARK	1,986	2,079	19	16	600	462	240	248	85	103	244	223	362	448
PEMISCOT	6,760	6,659	2,540	2,490	3,789	3,343	2,240	2,229	943	1,281	834	759	1,017	1,031
PERRY	4,659	4,782	47	43	600	603	398	567	220	272	771	829	663	923
PETTIS	9,215	9,401	503	482	1,275	1,633	1,282	1,645	907	1,154	1,203	1,436	1,650	1,962
PHELPS	8,422	8,859	330	314	1,035	1,945	1,053	1,505	637	795	994	1,178	1,497	1,778
PIKE	4,356	4,406	282	279	1,138	1,115	565	737	261	396	478	638	857	841
PLATTE	15,203	16,931	891	834	732	1,190	1,674	2,258	590	888	1,526	2,461	2,686	3,496
POLK	5,359	5,682	81	73	894	1,004	428	723	216	380	527	694	730	1,046
PULASKI	11,922	13,093	2,579	2,500	1,861	2,149	1,281	1,701	640	871	1,113	1,765	1,411	2,034
PUTNAM	1,151	1,132	8	5	344	262	119	160	59	81	158	160	252	273
RALLS	2,250	2,303	37	38	199	260	131	237	80	126	214	318	341	531
RANDOLPH	6,088	5,994	447	420	1,071	1,243	886	1,116	493	639	946	932	981	1,318
RAY	6,264	6,257	179	156	587	811	487	850	431	587	594	778	1,123	1,108
REYNOLDS	1,754	1,748	8	7	570	547	167	274	153	181	175	132	222	258
RIPLEY	3,305	3,464	34	26	1,285	1,370	452	655	250	355	303	263	485	622
ST CHARLES	64,067	70,815	2,671	2,721	2,379	3,750	4,272	7,984	1,864	2,472	5,355	10,289	8,273	13,308
ST CLAIR	1,976	2,027	10	10	536	564	250	289	138	178	230	238	339	476
STE GENEVIEVE	4,489	4,599	37	32	627	648	319	524	1,173	1,562	547	717	770	806
ST FRANCOIS	12,448	13,104	122	105	2,057	2,612	1,429	2,314	158	201	1,269	1,596	1,856	2,390
ST LOUIS	244,395	250,597	50,709	51,332	15,729	17,771	36,476	41,231	10,695	13,782	27,097	39,137	50,503	53,283
SALINE	5,902	5,729	409	370	809	1,035	841	1,093	543	716	849	890	1,206	1,351
SCHUYLER	1,040	1,046	12	7	287	266	100	172	51	81	126	185	231	248
SCOTLAND	1,225	1,200	4	4	336	429	107	144	48	110	102	171	238	244
SCOTT	11,191	11,396	1,632	1,643	2,546	2,482	2,124	2,402	1,067	1,464	1,430	1,462	1,926	2,494
SHANNON	2,031	2,127	14	9	641	604	222	283	105	139	301	319	343	356
SHELBY	1,799	1,765	21	20	378	407	189	253	104	142	266	228	326	371
STODDARD	7,210	7,350	178	162	1,407	1,724	1,033	1,106	764	945	939	948	1,558	1,647
STONE	4,100	4,704	61	63	963	782	295	536	230	384	322	539	682	1,017
SULLIVAN	1,381	1,368	6	3	414	301	160	190	76	118	241	207	348	336
TANEY	5,287	6,007	85	70	823	914	497	831	292	463	498	792	962	1,182
TEXAS	5,789	5,956	57	48	1,434	1,653	658	962	355	449	690	732	1,064	1,286
VERNON	4,966	4,917	68	60	756	1,051	674	865	429	565	826	735	924	959
WARREN	5,485	6,034	208	210	509	789	357	726	205	346	535	962	621	976
WASHINGTON	6,081	6,355	75	69	1,418	2,051	713	1,110	426	608	508	694	655	918
WAYNE	2,733	3,000	21	16	876	1,059	356	490	192	266	270	342	480	518
WEBSTER	6,805	7,190	88	63	1,255	1,779	521	878	318	475	616	831	916	1,465
WORTH	586	568	7	1	206	159	77	70	31	48	62	61	119	107
WRIGHT	4,708	4,872	72	68	1,217	1,483	479	758	324	491	409	545	797	873
ST LOUIS CITY	100,040	97,056	63,480	61,272	38,970	38,004	44,544	42,589	17,190	20,979	13,186	15,050	17,587	16,558
MISSOURI	1,314,826	1,363,269	204,552	199,759	195,837	224,532	210,991	256,615	92,254	122,045	151,162	200,827	235,719	273,646

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	Licensed Child Care Capacity 1990	Licensed Child Care Capacity 1993	Head Start Enrollment 1991	Head Start Enrollment 1993	Children Rec AFDC 1990	Children Rec AFDC 1993	Children Rec Food Stamps 1990	Children Rec Food Stamps 1993
MARIES	**60**	**70**	**18**	**111**	**132**	**192**	**400**	**601**
MARION	158	289	93	48	875	999	2,207	2,386
MERCER	0	20	12	12	64	78	246	248
MILLER	100	204	53	60	469	602	1,762	2,096
MISSISSIPPI	**164**	**318**	**107**	**107**	**1,159**	**1,276**	**2,442**	**2,629**
MONITEAU	218	220	30	30	115	151	400	536
MONROE	122	180	20	17	83	125	351	454
MONTGOMERY	80	108	32	38	230	256	698	882
MORGAN	**64**	**173**	**30**	**38**	**294**	**508**	**1,041**	**1,361**
NEW MADRID	268	216	200	200	1,468	1,488	2,948	3,007
NEWTON	448	481	76	108	727	936	2,685	3,403
NODAWAY	149	207	66	69	255	240	781	916
OREGON	**57**	**48**	**60**	**60**	**265**	**293**	**926**	**1,129**
OSAGE	200	250	20	20	69	94	277	372
OZARK	24	24	28	28	274	318	790	826
PEMISCOT	253	190	280	280	2,368	2,383	4,453	4,474
PERRY	**153**	**220**	**20**	**18**	**175**	**254**	**619**	**743**
PETTIS	527	769	90	120	817	870	2,358	2,859
PHELPS	355	389	58	94	740	970	2,023	2,666
PIKE	170	178	50	50	431	381	1,105	1,144
PLATTE	**878**	**948**	**66**	**66**	**363**	**638**	**1,446**	**2,130**
POLK	162	182	40	40	429	504	1,379	1,778
PULASKI	240	593	76	111	657	920	2,575	3,105
PUTNAM	87	80	12	17	76	112	247	383
RALLS	**10**	**184**	**20**	**16**	**130**	**188**	**506**	**577**
RANDOLPH	207	237	38	67	670	881	1,741	2,235
RAY	168	224	30	30	368	413	1,154	1,285
REYNOLDS	0	0	32	40	275	288	688	713
RIPLEY	**20**	**40**	**44**	**52**	**754**	**873**	**1,837**	**2,082**
ST CHARLES	4,440	5,553	80	152	1,980	3,152	5,290	7,935
ST CLAIR	76	75	12	29	195	292	653	756
STE GENEVIEVE	141	169	20	18	244	319	635	845
ST FRANCOIS	**644**	**758**	**120**	**150**	**1,562**	**1,928**	**4,048**	**5,034**
ST LOUIS	17,738	19,908	776	980	13,644	20,457	28,269	38,815
SALINE	166	160	50	90	470	871	1,352	1,836
SCHUYLER	40	112	20	37	83	78	283	302
SCOTLAND	**70**	**50**	**24**	**19**	**112**	**88**	**318**	**314**
SCOTT	620	667	220	240	1,835	2,063	4,020	4,564
SHANNON	0	0	52	52	313	321	959	1,029
SHELBY	100	128	20	20	123	131	398	450
STODDARD	**258**	**373**	**180**	**180**	**882**	**954**	**2,283**	**2,602**
STONE	86	255	40	40	322	381	1,181	1,498
SULLIVAN	20	20	31	31	126	128	318	353
TANEY	340	528	60	60	253	317	1,281	1,637
TEXAS	**130**	**150**	**74**	**80**	**583**	**718**	**1,786**	**2,119**
VERNON	375	324	40	58	445	514	1,428	1,688
WARREN	72	127	12	48	214	408	901	1,282
WASHINGTON	98	148	100	138	1,262	1,465	2,925	3,204
WAYNE	**30**	**90**	**52**	**66**	**483**	**635**	**1,312**	**1,642**
WEBSTER	146	194	80	80	284	462	1,235	1,678
WORTH	0	10	18	25	47	48	198	229
WRIGHT	87	128	80	114	508	605	1,545	1,784
ST LOUIS CITY	**7,763**	**8,812**	**2,420**	**2,708**	**38,513**	**43,356**	**63,675**	**68,942**
MISSOURI	**79,449**	**95,650**	**11,348**	**13,692**	**137,693**	**171,044**	**321,481**	**387,665**

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Appendix 2—Data Notes, Sources and References

Outcome Measures

Death rate ages 1-14 per 100,000 children—number of deaths from all causes to children between ages 1 and 14, per 100,000 children of those ages. Source: Missouri Department of Health; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration.

High School Completion Rate—estimated percentage of ninth graders who will graduate from high school in four years. Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—number of deaths to infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births. Data were averaged over 1984-1988 and 1989-1993 to arrive at 1986 and 1991 rates. Source: Missouri Department of Health.

Juvenile Law Violations—number of referrals to one of the 45 juvenile courts in Missouri for breaking the Missouri Criminal Code, per 1,000 youth ages 10 through 17. Source: Missouri Department of Social Services; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration.

Out-of-home placement per 1,000 children—number of entries into Division of Family Services alternative care including foster care, group homes and institutions per 1,000 children. Source: Missouri Department of Social Services; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Claritas,Inc.

Percent births to mothers without high school degree—percentage of live births that occur to women who have not received a high school degree as indicated on the birth certificate. Source: Missouri Department of Health.

Percent low birthweight infants—percentage of live births recorded as low birthweight. Babies of low birthweight are those who weigh under 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds) at birth. Data were averaged over 1984-1988 and 1989-93 to arrive at 1986 and 1991 rates. Source: Missouri Department of Health.

Percent of all births to single teens—percentage of all live births which occur to unmarried women under age 20. Source: Missouri Department of Health.

Percent students enrolled free/reduced lunch—percentage of students who are enrolled in free or reduced-price National School Lunch Program. Children from households with incomes less than 130% of poverty are eligible for free lunches; those from households below 185% of poverty are eligible for reduced price lunches. Source: Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Suspect child abuse - number of child abuse victims from reports classified as "reason to suspect" per 1,000 children. Source: Missouri Department of Social Services; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Claritas,Inc.

Violent deaths per 100,000 teens (ages 15-19)—number of deaths from homicide, suicide, or accidents to teens between ages 15 and 19, per 100,000 teens of those ages. Data were averaged over 1984-88 and 1989-93 to arrive at 1986 and 1991 rates. Source: Missouri Department of Health; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration.

Key Facts

Adult unemployment rate—number of people actively looking for work but unemployed as a percentage of the civilian labor force. Source: Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Division of Employment Security.

Child population—total resident population under age 18, including dependents of Armed Forces personnel stationed in the area. Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration.

Children as percent of total population—percent of total population that is under age 18. Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census; Claritas, Inc..

Head Start enrollment rate—number of Head Start enrollment slots divided by the estimated number of children ages 3 and 4 living in families with incomes below the U.S. Poverty Threshold and the number of unrelated children younger than 5 years old (poverty status not determined). Unrelated children are children living with unrelated individuals, such as foster children, who are eligible for services. Rates are expressed as percentages. Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region VII, USDC, Bureau of the Census.

Median household income—median annual income for households. The median is the figure at which half the families have an income more than that amount, and half have an income less than that amount. Figures are expressed in constant 1993 dollars. Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census; Claritas, Inc..

Percent child care licensed need met—number of licensed child care slots in centers, group homes or family homes divided by the number of children under the age of 6 for whom both or only parent(s) are in the labor force. Source: Missouri Department of Social Services, USDC, Bureau of the Census.

Percent children receiving AFDC—percentage of population under the age of 18 that live in households that receive public assistance under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program. Source: Missouri Department of Social Services; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Claritas, Inc.

Percent children receiving Food Stamps—percentage of population under the age of 18 that live in households that receive Food Stamps benefits. Source: Missouri Department of Social Services; USDC, Bureau of the Census; Claritas, Inc.

Percent children in poverty—percentage of related children under age 18 who live in families with incomes below the U.S. poverty threshold, as defined by the Bureau of the Census. The poverty threshold for a family of four in 1989 was $12,674. Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census.

Percent children in one-parent families—percentage of related children under age 18 who live in famlies headed by a person without a spouse present in the home. Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census.

Percent minority children—percentage of population under the age of 18 that is identified as non-white. Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census; Missouri Office of Administration.

Percent parent paying child support in state system—percentage of all cases served through Department of Social Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement that receive partial or full payment of their child support order. Source: Department of Social Services.

Percent working women -youngest child 6-17—percentage of women ages 16 and older whose youngest child is between ages 6 and 17 and who are in the labor force. Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census.

Percent working women - youngest child under 6—percentage of women ages 16 and older whose youngest child is under age 6 and who are in the labor force. Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census.

Total jobs in low-paying industries—number of jobs in the agricultural services, wholesale and retail trade and services sectors. Percent changes in some counties where release of numbers could allow identification of individuals are unstable due to disclosure problems. Source: USDC, Bureau of the Census, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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1993 Recommendations

Recommendations for All Children's Programs

- Accelerate the development of coordinated, integrated education and human service delivery systems through an increased commitment to public, private and voluntary partnerships.
- Assure that programs for children and families are:
  - outcome-driven,
  - prevention-oriented,
  - consumer-friendly,
  - empowering for youth and families,
  - community-based,
  - culturally sensitive, and
  - family-focused.
- Provide public and private funds only to programs that achieve measurable results for children and families.
- Involve community representatives, especially consumers, in determining service needs, programs, results to be achieved and funding levels.

Recommendations to Improve Outcome Measures for Children

Economic/Family Well-Being

- Increase the minimum wage, assure the creation of more jobs that allow families to become economically self-sufficient, and improve the recruitment and training opportunities for jobs with growth potential.
- Increase access to employment opportunities for low income people by expanding public transportation systems, and using entrepreneurial capital to foster neighborhood businesses.
- Promote expanded use of tax system reforms such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, deductions for child care, and larger dependent deductions to benefit families with children.
- Build on the momentum for welfare reform by matching AFDC grant levels more closely to family needs and offering meaningful training opportunities that move AFDC parents into high-skill, high-wage jobs.
- Work for local implementation of child support laws.
- Link General Educational Development (GED) and basic education programs to child care and other support services.
- Establish public-private partnerships to develop and finance affordable and safe housing for families with children.

Health

- Increase availability of school-linked and community-based health services through full utilization of the Medicaid program and local funding options.
- Implement expanded prenatal health care coverage and services under Medicaid including basic care, transportation and outreach. Provide incentives to increase supply of obstetrics (OB) providers, especially in rural areas.
- Improve access to and affordability of primary and preventive health care for children, emphasizing immunizations and early identification of illness through health screening.
- Establish parent education outreach programs that teach nutrition, prevention and early identification of illness.
- Improve children's diets by expanding school breakfast and lunch programs to more communities and by increasing eligibility and access to Women Infant and Children (WIC) supplemental food program.
- Expand the availability of community mental health services such as drug and alcohol treatment, psychiatric care, and school-based mental health programs for children and families.

- Provide funding for lead screening and abatement programs, and work to ensure strong implementation of environmental laws, especially in urban areas.

- Secure funding to expand CSTAR and other prevention, intervention and treatment programs for drug and alcohol-addicted youth, pregnant women and families of substance users.

Education

- Increase family and community involvement in the educational process by encouraging participation in local parent-teacher organizations and with local school boards.

- Teach child development and parenting skills to all parents, middle school, and high school students.

- Expand quality early childhood education and care programs, such as Parents as Teachers and Head Start, so children begin school ready to learn.

- Provide access for all students to a range of educational curricula that addresses the vocational, college preparatory or special education needs of each.

- Implement drop-out prevention programs at early grade levels.

- Provide workplace and career development opportunities and training to students.

- Increase availability of adult literacy and basic education classes that lead to achievement of a high school diploma, including support services that encourage participation.

Safety

- Broaden access to and availability of high quality, safe child care programs.

- Improve services for children and families at risk of child abuse, including identification, needs assessment, prevention, education, family support and crisis intervention programs.

- Increase funding for emergency housing and utility assistance to ensure safe, affordable housing and to decrease the risk of homelessness.

- Eliminate corporal punishment in schools and child care facilities.

- Deliver parent education programs that include information on safety, supervision and effective discipline.

- Strengthen and enforce state and local laws such as helmet, child car seat, fire safety, safe toys and gun control, in order to reduce accidental child injury and death.

- Teach children the importance of safe behavior through such programs as DARE, Project Home Safe and Safety School.

- Implement community approaches to reduce violence and crime through neighborhood watches, neighborhood police stations and Safe Block programs.

Adolescents

- Empower youth by encouraging active involvement in their communities and providing community service opportunities that build ethics, responsibility and caring.

- Provide community service and recreation opportunities as safe alternatives to gang involvement.

- Improve access to pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease prevention programs that include family planning, life skills, self-esteem development, refusal skills, and decision making.

- Develop community-based services for at-risk youth such as violence prevention, conflict resolution, mentoring and mediation programs.

- Promote youth participation in local alcohol and drug-prevention programs and other education programs to foster improved motor vehicle safety and reduce substance abuse-related crimes.

- Fund and establish more long-term secure treatment programs and other programs that provide safe and constructive alternatives to juvenile incarceration.

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- Provides technical assistance to legislators, community organizations and state agencies.
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